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Meeting of General Committee.
Twelfth Month 16, 1925.

At the meeting of the New England Sub-Committee of the American Friends Service Committee held Twelfth Month 16th in Boston, Wilbur K. Thomas being present, the Foreign and Home sections of the work were considered.

Special Com. of 6.

The promotion of the work in New England was referred to a special committee of six - Thomas Wood, Mary A. Gove, Charles H. White, Harvey C. Perry, William M. Duguid and O. B. Gerig, to propose plans for a working organization.

The full Committee will be called to receive this report as soon as it is ready.

(Signed) Thomas Wood.

Original Members. (19)

William M. Duguid
O. B. Gerig
Mary A. Gove
Harry Harrison
Blanche K. Howland
Hattie E. Jacob
Harvey C. Perry
Henry H. Perry
Phoebe Perry
Josiah C. Russell.
Sarah J. Swift
Willard E. Swift
L. Ralston Thomas
L. Tyler Townsend
Mary A. Townsend
S. Paul Townsend
Charles H. White
Georgia B. Wood
Thomas Wood.

Meeting of general Committee.
First Month 16th, 1926.

The second meeting of the New England Sub-Committee of the American Friends Service Committee was held on First Month 16th, 1926, at the Friends Meeting House in Roxbury, at 4 o'clock.

The committee of six, appointed at the December meeting, made three suggestions —

Officers of Sub-Com.

1.- That the following persons serve as officers of the Sub-Committee —

Chairman ----- Thomas Wood
Vice Chairman -- William M. Duguid
Secretary ----- Blanche R. Howland.

This was approved by the meeting.

New members of Sub-Com.

2.- That the following names be added to the Sub-Committee —

Eleanor Wood Whitman
Sarah W. Hallowell
Pleasuance Parsons
Paul H. Bailey
Elsie P. Ingraham
Maud M. Hill
Robert E. Owen.

This also met with the approval of the meeting.

Field Secretary.

3.- That Prof. P. B. Gerig be made Field Secretary.

All were heartily in favor of having Prof. Gerig act in this capacity, if we could see our way clear to finance it. He would give part time until Sixth Month 1st, and then would withdraw from his college work, and give all his time to this service work at a salary of about $3000.

It was thought rather unfair to ask our friend to give up his present work for an uncertainty, so it was decided to investigate the situation between now and Sixth Month, and see just the possibilities, before putting our definite proposition before him.

Financial Aim.

The aim of the Sub-Committee would be to raise $15,000. Half of this amount to be expended in New England, and the other half to go to the American Friends Service Committee for their general work. Some of this money would come from Friends, but the bulk would come from people outside the society.

When the American Friends Service Committee started, the public understood about the war relief work. Now we must explain this new work, and interest people in it. Special appeals must be made for special needs.

Matters to be considered.

Just now the matters claiming our attention are –

1.- Military training in the schools and colleges of the United States.

2.- Inter-racial work, to promote friendship among the races. A bulletin has just been issued by the American Friends Service Committee, showing the need of obtaining scholarships in our American colleges for the Japanese.

3.- The Mexicans are coming over our borders and need our help and sympathy.

On Second Month 22nd, the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting will meet at Lynn, and it was decided wise to hold our next meeting there on the same day and ask the Peace Committee of New England Yearly Meeting to meet with us.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the Friends Meeting House, Silsbee Street, Lynn, on Second Month 22nd. Notification of the hour to be given later.

Blanche H. Howland, Sec.

Present (9) Thomas Wood, William M. Duguid, Benjamin Gerig, Sarah J. Swift, Harrie Harrison, Mary S. Townsend, Josiah C. Russell, Robert E. Owen, Blanche H. Howland.

Meeting of General Committee.
Second Month 22nd, 1926.

Present. Thomas Wood, William M. Ingold, Benjamin Gray, Georgia B. Wood, Sarah H. Hallowell, Robert E. Green, Sarah J. Swift, E. Burton Thomas, Charles H. White, Mary A. Gove, Blanche F. Howland.
Wilbur K. Thomas.
Fredrika M. Parks & William B. Gove from Peace Committee.
Several visitors.

Regrets for absence were received from Hattie E. Jacob and Willard E. Swift. Also from Rufus M. Jones and Charles W. Johnson of the Peace Committee.

The New England Sub-Committee of the American Friends Service Committee met at the Friends Meeting House, Silsbee Street, Lynn, on Second Month 22nd, 1926 at 10:30 A.M.

Thomas Wood acted as chairman the first part of the meeting but was obliged to leave early and then William M. Ingold, Vice-Chairman, took his place.

Wilbur K. Thomas present.

Wilbur K. Thomas was present, and gave us much inspiration by telling more about the plans and aims of the A.F.S.C., and how we could fit into those plans.

The report of the last meeting was read and approved.

Financial Support of Field Secretary.

The matter of the financial support of a Field Secretary was discussed. We were all agreed at our last meeting in wanting Prof. A. S. Gates to serve in this capacity if we could see our way clear to raise $3000 for his salary.
Wilbur Thomas said that from the money given by the New England Friends to the American Friends' Service Committee, the necessary amount could be returned to us for six months or so, in order to build up this New England work and to get us on our feet. Cambridge Friends alone give about $3000,

and including Westerly and all the rest of New England, there would be around $4500. Of course this arrangement would have to be with the consent of the contributors, but those who were present signified their approval, and it was felt that all would agree. Wilbur Thomas said it would take that amount away from the general work but the Service Committee would be willing to do this in order to have the work progress. He also suggested that it might be well for Prof. Gerig's plan to spend several weeks in the Philadelphia office before going into the work.

The program of our Out-Committee was talked over, and the work in the different fields discussed. Wilbur Thomas said that service was the important part, and the financial end would take care of itself. Our work can be effective only as far as we forget ourselves and apply Christian principles in taking hold of the problems. Opportunities will open for us just according to our interest and our vision. The Society of Friends is strong enough to turn New England upside-down. There is no end to the work, and we can find points of contact in the different meetings from Maine to the Cape and west to Worcester. There are many speakers we can get, like Tom Kelly, David M. Edwards, Elbert Russell, Charles Woodman, Edward Evans, &c.

Peace Work. The main issue now is Military Training in the schools and colleges. Prof. Gerig said there was a committee at work getting statistics about military training in Boston, and they hoped to continue it through all of New England.

Military Training is compulsory in the High Schools in several places in New England, and it is made very attractive in others, as the boys are sometimes given quite a sum of money; more than is needed for their uniforms. The War Department is not connected with Military Training, only as they furnish the guns. It is wholly controlled by the School Committee, so there is a chance for our workers to visit the school boards in the different cities.

Inter-racial Work. Just now we are trying to get scholarships in our American colleges for Japanese students. The American Friends Service Committee sent a general letter to the colleges, asking if they were willing to cooperate. Answers have been received from one hundred college presidents saying that they approved of this plan; some offered scholarships and some offered board as well. The Service Committee hopes to be able to get 150 students over here. They will be allowed to work outside the college, if they take the minimum amount of college work and keep their standards high enough to satisfy the authorities. They will be brought over for not more than one or two years, and they must have some specific object in view. Under-graduates will not be sent, as taking them at that time is thought to unfit them for service in their own country. Already there has been $2000 raised, which will bring two students. A council in Tokio will select the students. They will literally be sent to the smaller colleges, where they will mingle with Americans and find a friendly feeling. Wealthy men in Japan are working out a plan of calling American students over there. The purpose of this movement is to take away the ill feeling caused by the Immigration Law, and to show our good will toward the Japanese. In Philadelphia they had a dinner where each American took a foreign student, and there was a talk on Peace. Thus they learn that we are not militaristic, and they will know to whom they can appeal in time of distress.

Report was made about the work of Lloyd Balderston in China. The poorer classes in Shanghai are living under most distressing conditions; in huts with no floors, no drainage, and with two or three families crowded together in one room. It is the opportune time for Friends to render service, and they are planning to start a Friendship Village there. They can put up 24 two-room houses at a cost of $2000 and by the

building and loan association plan the people would own their own houses in ten years.

Home Service. The Service Committee advocates our rendering service now, and not waiting for times of war. Wilbur Thomas said that 89 have gone into this work, and there are 16 in the field at the present time. These are not all Friends. Some are in settlement houses, some in the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A., some in reform schools, &c. Many more than this number have wanted to go into this work, but their parents have objected, mainly for financial reasons, as they think their children should be earning money by that time. A group of five went to Cleveland and hunted for work. They were employed in a factory at $11 and $12 a week. They are to publish the results as to the conditions they found. There are many openings; the trouble is a lack of workers.

Foreign Work. This work is considerably smaller now, as much of it has been given up, as the conditions in Europe have improved.

During the discussion it was pointed out that it was wise to co-operate with other groups to the fullest extent, but that we must be careful not to lose our own identity. Our religious approach is rather different from some other organizations, and it was felt that this standpoint was necessary in the work.

Executive Board. It was decided best to have an Executive Board for our Sub-Committee, and the following persons were appointed: Thomas Wood, Mary A. Gove, Charles H. White, Harvey J. Perry, William M. Duguid, O. B. Gerig, and Blanche R. Howland.

It was suggested that a report of this meeting be sent to all the members of the Sub-Committee, whether present or not.

The meeting then adjourned.

Blanche R. Howland, Sec.

Meeting of the Executive Board.
Fourth Month 16th, 1926.

The Executive Board met at the Christopher Wren Tea Shop, Boston, on Fourth Month 16th, 1926 at 5 P.M.

Present (7) Present. Thomas Wood, William M. Liquid, Benjamin Gerig, Phoebe Perry, Mary A. Gove, Charles H. White, Blanche R. Horsland.

Plans for Work. Ben Gerig had just returned from a week spent at the Philadelphia office of the Service Committee and had many plans for our New England work.

The Inter-racial Work seems to open along these lines —
Fellowship with Japanese Students. It will need $100 000 to bring 100 Japanese students over here. The plan is to give graduate students one year's work in our American colleges. Already, there is money enough to bring over 5 or 6. This is a way of expressing ourselves against the exclusion act. Many non-Friends are interested in this.
Friendship Village for China, as proposed by Lloyd Balderston, whereby they would give the poor people comfortable homes instead of their miserable huts. There would also be social centers, play-grounds, good literature supplied, and many things to elevate them.
Interested Chinese and Americans could invest and form a corporation.
The National Council of Churches has asked Rufus M. Jones to go to China to give a course of lectures. He will start in Sixth Month and spend three months in China, then go to India, and finally go to England, where he will try to allay the misunderstanding which has arisen in China between the English and Americans.

Work in our Local Meetings could be carried out in the following ways -

Good Will Dinners. It was thought that we could do the same as has recently been done in Philadelphia, where 75 American students invited 75 foreigners to a dinner, which was followed by talks on peace subjects. This could be done at Worcester, Providence, and other places where there were colleges.

Addresses. Ben Gerig has already spoken at Portland, Worcester, Providence, New Bedford and Lynn and he wants to reach every local meeting in New England. He feels that Friends hold a unique position today, and can do a wonderful work. We must get the information to them, and when they become really enthusiastic, our work will surely be effective and the finances will take care of themselves.
Many other speakers can be supplied.
Floyd Balderston will be here in New England the latter part of Fifth Month, and it will be interesting to hear his account of his visit in China.
Alfred Garrett will be in New England from Fourth Month 23rd to Fifth Month 2nd.

Street Speaking, after which literature could be distributed.

Pictures Shown from a Truck, as Charles Kephyle is now doing around Philadelphia, at county fairs &c.

Use of the Radio.

Articles Written for Magazines and Papers. Ben Gerig has already written some, and feels this is a good way to spread our message.

Organization of Peace and Service Committees in each community. Such committees to consist of about three people, through whom we could work quickly.

Work Against Military Training in Schools and Colleges. We ought to take the leadership in this, as we can work as no one else can. The Peace Council, who now has a desk in the Philadelphia office, is going into the matter of the way History is being taught in the schools. They want to

improve this, and not have wars given such an important place.

There are about 7000 Friends belonging to New England meetings, but only about 2500 are resident here. If each one of these 2500 would give 50¢ a month, or $6 a year, it would amount to $15,000 a year. Friends should provide the over-head expense and the rest could come from outsiders.

Stationery — The Philadelphia office has offered to have our stationery printed for us, and Benjerig will communicate with them as to what we want.

The Executive Board agreed on the following suggestions -

Name of Committee — 1.- That hereafter our committee be called:
American Friends Service Committee
New England Branch.

Treasurer — 2.- That Blanche H. Howland should act as Treasurer as well as secretary of the New England Branch.

Boston Center — 3.- That Blanche Howland's office, at 261 Franklin St, Boston, be used as our center for the present, as there would be no rental charge, and we should have a place for mail address and where anyone could call.

New Members. — 4.- That more members be added to our committee, so that New England Friends of all branches and in all localities be represented. This matter was left with Thomas Wood.

The meeting adjourned.

Blanche H. Howland, Sec.

Meeting of the Executive Board.
Fifth Month 25th, 1926.

The Executive Board met at the Christopher Sea Shore, Boston, on Fifth Month 25th, 1926 at 5 P.M.

Present (5) Present. Thomas Wood, William M. Duguid, Benjamin Gerig, Harvey C. Perry, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Mary A. Jones.

Plans For Work, Proposed by Ben Gerig.

1.- Statistics on Military Training in Maine. He will be free from his duties at Simmons College about Sixth Month 12th, and he thought his first work could be to gather statistics on military training for the state of Maine. This same work in Massachusetts has just been done by the Committee on Militarism in Education, and the result will be published in a pamphlet, which will be ready for distribution within a week or so.
Maine is strong for Military Training, and the facts will be of great interest.
This suggestion was approved by the Board.

2.- The Massachusetts division of the Committee on Militarism in Education has completed the work of getting the facts on Military Training, and now are thinking of asking us to carry on the work. The National Committee has Wilbur K. Thomas as its vice-chairman, and this Mass. com. is endorsed by many very influential citizens, like Dean Roscoe Pound of Harvard, Rev. Harold E. B. Speight, Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes, President W. A. Neilson, President Mary E. Woolley, Mrs. John F. Moors, Mrs. John V. Apthorp and others. We shall await their request that we take up this work, but it was favored by the Executive Board.

Lloyd Balderston Meetings.

3.- Ben Gerig has arranged some meetings for Lloyd Balderston, who has just returned from his tour of investigation in China for the American Friends Service Committee. He will speak Sixth Month 4th at

the Byron Street House (Byron St., Boston.
The evening of Eighth Month 5th Lloyd Balderston and Ben Gerig will be at Westerly, R. I. for their Yearly Meeting.
On the 6th he may attend Roxbury and Cambridge Meetings, and he is scheduled to speak at the Quaker Round Table in Cambridge that evening.
4. - Ben Gerig wants to organize Peace and Service Committees in each community.

Stationery — Ben Gerig showed the Board his idea about the printing of our new letter-heads. This was approved, and he will carry it through with the Philadelphia office, as they offered to attend to it for us.

Salary of Field Secretary — The Board discussed the matter of the salary of our Field Secretary and the uncertainty there might be in regard to it. Ben Gerig assured us of his great interest in the work and his desire to go into it. He was not at all worried about the financial part, but felt that if his work was successful the money would come in.

Power of Executive Board. — It was decided that the Executive Board had power to carry through any business details, but these should later be presented to the full committee of the New England Branch.

Ben Gerig has never been appointed Field Secretary, so it was thought best to have a meeting of the committee prior to Eighth Month 12th, at which time he is ready to give us his full time. The date and place of meeting were left to be arranged by Thomas Wood.

The meeting adjourned.

Blanche R. Howland, Sec.

Meeting of General Committee.
Sixth Month 8th, 1926.

The American Friends Service Committee New England Branch met at the Congregational House 14 Beacon St. Boston on Sixth Month 8th, 1926, at 4 o'clock.

Present (12) Present: Thomas Wood, William W. Duguid Chairman, Mary A. Gove, Arthur M. Hussey, Mary S. Townsend, Sarah M. Hallowell, Anna Wharton Wood, Maud M. Hill, Mary E. Duguid, Nina Field, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets. Regrets for Absence were received from Elsie P. Ingraham, Phoebe Perry, Harvey B. Perry, Louise Merritt Carter, Pleasance Parsons, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Henry S. Osborne, C. Paul Townsend, Fredrika W. Parker, E. Walter Thomas.

The report of the last meeting on Second Month 22nd had been sent to every member, and approval was expressed.

The secretary read from the minutes of the Executive Board meetings on Fourth Month 16th and Fifth Month 20th, showing the following items of business that had been acted upon.

1.- The printing of the letter-heads was discussed, and the form approved was sent to the Press office, as they had offered to provide this for us.

2.- It was decided that the name of our Committee should be American Friends Service Committee New England Branch.

3.- Blanche R. Howland was appointed treasurer, and her office at 261 Franklin Street will be used as the Boston center.

4.- It was left with Thomas Wood to add more members to our Committee so that New England Friends of all branches and in all localities should be represented.

5.- The matter of the salary of our Field Secretary was discussed but no action taken. There might be no regard to it. Mr Ben Gerig assured us of his great interest in the work and his desire to win it. He was not at all worried about the financial part, but felt that if his work was successful that the money would come in.
It is understood that his salary and travelling expenses are to be appropriated from funds received from New England by the American Friends Service Committee of Philadelphia.

New members. Thomas Wood reported that the following persons had been thought advisable to be added to our Committee.

Ernest H. Price
Mary E. Lewis
Lina Field
Arthur M. Lussey
Lundore R. Lafrance
Henry T. Osborne
Louise Mersitt Barnes
Frederick M. Parks
William L. Rose
Anna Wharton Wood
Herbert E. Wood.

The Committee signified its approval of all these matters.

Appoint Benj. Gerig as Field Secretary The next item of business before the Committee was the appointment of Benjamin Gerig as Field Secretary of the New England Branch, as he will leave Swarthmore College Sept. 1st Month 12th.
The Committee was unanimous in wanting him for this position. They all felt that he was the right man for the place and that they were most fortunate in being able to secure him.
He was appointed for this position.

Salary of Field Sec. to begin 7/1, 1926

we said he would keep right along with the work, but instead of having his salary begin Eighth Month 12th, he thought it better to call Eleventh Month 1st as he was interested in the Peace Conference to be held in Lincoln, Mass. this month and would have to devote some of his time to this.

This was agreeable to the committee.

Ben Jerig said he felt we should strive first to have peace within the individual then with the committee, then concord between groups and finally goodwill between nations. That was our big objective. Our Committee should help in all the educational and evangelistic work of Friends all over the world. In the last twelve years new ways had opened for promoting peace, and as Friends were working in unity in the American Friends Service Committee. The method of building houses in France and the big work of Child Feeding in Germany have made us well known. Now there is the new work of building the Friendship Village in China. Friends aim to act, live and work as Jesus would, and they try to approach these problems in this way. They are held in high esteem and in view of what they have done, they hold a unique place. They are trusted, and thus have a big responsibility. That should give us inspiration and courage to go ahead and take the leadership in many things. He wants to feel that he has the backing of the Committee and that we are ready to go right with the work without any compromise.

Statistics on Mil. Training in Maine Suggested

The first work he wants to do is to get the statistics on Military Training for the state of Maine, which plan is favored by Wilbur Thomas. The same work has just been done in Massachusetts by the Committee on Militarism in Education and the result published in a pamphlet. Jane Addams has been working along these lines in Chicago. In Cleveland a committee visited the school committee, and Military Training was entirely abolished as the result. His plan is to spend four or five weeks in Maine and get

the facts. We will get the local Friends interested and they will cooperate, and through them we will get names of influential citizens who are not Friends but who will endorse the plan. These would have to be special stationery for this campaign, with the names of all these influential people. This work should be completed around the middle of Fifth Month.

Suggestion of our cooperating with Com. on Mil. in Ed.

The Massachusetts Committee on Militarism in Education through Mrs. Lyndhope has suggested the possibility of our Committee cooperating in some manner in their work. They have the facts, and now may want us to do the practical work and improve the conditions.

Teaching of History

Next call Ben Gerig wants to go into the matter of the way history is being taught in our Boston public schools. There is too much prominence given to wars, and now the American Legion is trying to introduce their book on History, which is much biased.
We would have a big conference at the new Statler Hotel, and defray the expenses by getting other groups to cooperate with us. The conference could be on Friday and Saturday, with six big speakers, and a dinner and special features on Saturday night. Notice should be sent to all history teachers and others. Many more Friends would be interested and would give liberally. It would take three or four weeks to work it up. This same plan could be carried out in Providence, Springfield, Worcester and Portland.

Pamphlets

The pamphlets "Military Training in the Schools and Colleges of Massachusetts", "Regarding Military Training at Universities" and "The Biblical Basis of Friends' Opposition to War" were distributed to all present, and the secretary was asked to send them to all the other members of the Committee.
Thomas Wood said that New England Yearly Meeting was to be held at Winthrop Center, Maine from Sixth Month 21st through the 27th. On First Day, the 27th, at 3:30, there would be an hour given to the American Friends Service Committee, and it was arranged for Milton G. Thomas, Benjamin Gerig and others to speak.
The meeting adjourned purposing to meet again early in Ninth Month.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of Service Committee
Seventh Month 12th, 1926.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Headquarters, 14 Beacon St., on Seventh Month 12th, 1926, at 2 o'clock.

Present (24) Present: Thomas Ford, Benjamin Greig, William H. Dugan, Walter H. Jones, Esther Morton Smith, Sarah P. Bowditch, Irma Field, Charles H. White, E. Fenton Thomas, Henry T. Gurney, J. Elton Fruchtnight, Mary A. Gove, Mary L. Townsend, E. Tyler Townsend, Anna Wharton Ford, Ernest H. Kline, Frederika M. Parker, S. Paul Townsend, Hattie E. Jacob, Georgia E. Ford, Arthur M. Hussey, Elizabeth F. Thomas, Pleasance Parsons, Blanche R. Howland.

Reports. Reports for absence were received from Henry C. Perry, Charles Perry, Sarah P. Smith, Harry Harrison, Paul White, Thomas Ford Hallman, Philip P. Fox, Henry H. Perry, Herbert B. Ford, Paul H. Bailey.

The minutes of the last meeting, 6mo. 8th, were read & approved.

Treasurer's Report. The following Treasurer's report was read and approved:-

Financial Statement October 1st, 1926.
(From the beginning of the New England Branch)

Receipts -	$	
Philadelphia Office - - - - - - - - - - -	1050.00	
Dons received at Lord Baldwin Lecture	12.00	
Contributions for Ben Greig's trip to Europe	305.00	1367.00
Disbursements		
The Century Press. Printing Baldwin Lecture	14.25	
Benjamin Greig - Salary for 3 months. - - -	750.00	
Benjamin Greig - Travelling Expenses. - - -	71.74	
Benjamin Greig - Trip to Europe - - - - - -	305.00	
Exp. Baldwin Lecture. Travelling Expenses to gen. mtg.	42.78	
Entertainment of Baldwin & Greig at gen. mtg.	5.05	
Supplies. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	41.57	1240.39
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1926 - -		126.61

(Signed) Blanche R. Howland, Treas.

Com. on Militarism in Education

Miss Jerig said that the committee on Militarism in Education was to continue as a committee, and they asked that we let our Field Secretary give them up to a week of his time.
The meeting decided that our Executive Board should confer and decide fully about this matter.

Meetings to be in Boston.

A letter was read from Mrs. Upthorp in regard to two matters
1.- Henry Cayse, who is chairman of the national committee of Militarism in Education, will be in Boston from Tenth Month 22nd through the 25th. The Executive Committee of the Mass. Branch will meet on the 25th, and she suggested that our committee meet with them and Mr. Cayse to work out a constructive program for the winter.
This was thought advisable by our committee, and our secretary was instructed to advise the members of our Executive Board to meet with them on this date.
2.- Mrs. Upthorp asked if we could arrange a Friends Meeting for Mr. Cayse on Sunday night, the 24th, and good attendance where he could speak on Sunday morning.
This matter was left with our Field Secretary.

New Members to Ex. Board & Genl Com.

It was decided that it would be very helpful to our committee to appoint as a new member Dr. Stephen Rushmore, and it was heartily approved that Henry H. Perry and Dr. Rushmore should serve on our Executive Board.

Regular time of general Com. Mtg each mo.

It was thought best to have a regular time each month for the meeting of the general committee, and the secretary was asked to find out the time most convenient for our members.

Telephone Listing.

There was felt to be a need for listing the name of the American Friends Service Committee in the telephone directory. This would cost 75¢ for each month. The list for the winter issue of the directory closes on the 16th, and the secretary was directed to put in our order before that date.

Wilbur K. Thomas present.

We were very glad to have Wilbur K. Thomas with us. He wanted us to get a vision of the possibilities before Friends today. The Service Committee was now reorganized and there were four departments to the work, - Foreign Service, Home Service, Peace, Interracial. He wanted all the yearly Meetings to put on a program and back up the work. Friends are recognizing the value of service and are giving more support than in the last few years. We are getting back to our heritage and are trying to apply the teachings of Jesus.

That the public should give 23 millions for the work abroad is a marvellous testimony to Friends, and shows the confidence they inspire. Anna Haines has been allowed to start a Nurses Training Home in Russia which shows how Friends are respected, as we are the only people allowed there. The doors are open. This is our responsibility, and the public will stand with us and support the work as they approve of the type of Christianity we are rendering. If we all expended our energy along these lines, we would inject new spirit into the work, and make ourselves a greater influence in the world. We need money, but what we need most is people who will sell themselves to the work, and he has faith to believe that New England will do a magnificent work.

Esther Morton Smith present.

It was a great inspiration to have with us Esther Morton Smith, who is going to Jerusalem in 11th Mo. to help with the work there. She felt that this chance was the greatest thing that had ever happened to her. This work should be done by Friends. There are wonderful opportunities before us and it is overpowering to think of what we can accomplish if our lives are given to it.

Ben Gerig

Benjamin Gerig has just returned from Europe, and told how deeply impressed he was with the Christian international service carried on over there at our Friends Centers, and with the intelligent, conscientious people who were in charge of the work.

He reviewed a little his investigations in Maine, where he went to get statistics on Military Training. He felt that he would like to go to other states now, and do the same thing. He would like to go into every American Legion Post, and present the Quaker point of view, and get them to think differently. We must see these things first ourselves then impress England Friends, and then we will be able to convince them. We should start a Speakers Bureau, and have speakers at all Friends meetings before college groups, &c. There could be debating teams also.

Speakers Bureau

Wilbur Thomas fully endorsed the plan of having a Speakers Bureau and felt this was an important part of our work.

Training Courses.

The Phila. office has just completed a six weeks study course on Military Training, and courses on about twelve or fifteen other subjects will follow.

Mid-Year Conference

He suggested that we have a big meeting of all the Friends in New England in the winter, to which we would invite all the returned workers. He thought perhaps the Women's International League could best handle the matter of the teaching of History in the public schools, but we could give them our Counsel.

Ben Gerig gave a very clear and interesting picture of Germany's admission to the League of Nations, as he witnessed it.

Thanks were given to our secretary for her services.

At Wilbur Thomas' request, Benjamin Gerig will be in Phila. on 10 Mo. 28th, staying the next week and attending the Germantown Quarterly Meeting on 11th Mo. 4th.

Wilbur Thomas made an earnest appeal to us to make our work efficient, as there was urgent need for money. Our New England office requires about $4000 a year, and Tom Harrison's expenses are about the same.

The meeting then adjourned.

Blanche H. Howland, Sec.

Meeting of the Executive Board.
Tenth Month 19th, 1926.

The Executive Board met at the Friends' Meeting House, Boston on Tenth Month 19th, 1926, at 5 P. M.

Present (?)

Present: Thomas Wood, William M. Duguid, Mary E. Jones, Stephen Rushmore, Henry H. Perry, Charles H. White, Benjamin Gerig.
Blanche B. Hopland was unavoidably absent.

Mil. in Ed.

The matter of conference with the Massachusetts Committee on Militarism in Education was discussed. It was decided that such a conference might be mutually helpful, but action in the matter was deferred pending a joint committee meeting of the two bodies.

Meeting N.Y. of Natl. Com. on Militarism in Education

The invitation to Benjamin Gerig to attend the meeting in New York called by the National Committee on Militarism in Education was considered. It was felt that since the future program of this work was to be planned there, it would be desirable to learn of those developments and Benjamin Gerig was advised to go.

Com. to work with U.S.L. on Teaching of History.

Notified 10-29-26

The influence on the teaching of history was discussed. The Field Secretary reported that the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom was glad to cooperate in this venture and even to assume the leadership in it. Benjamin Gerig, Mary E. Jones and E. Falston Thomas were appointed from our committee to work with the Women's International League in this project.

Military Training Survey

The incomplete Military Training survey made in Maine in July was considered. The Committee advised that it be continued in the other New England states, and a printed report probably be issued on this survey.

All-Friends Conference. The Speakers Bureau and the Training Institute were favorably received, the Committee approve the plan of promoting our cause and an Institute for training Friends Speakers to be held on a week end in December was recommended.

F.U.F. The Field Secretary reported his activities in connection with the Boston Fellowship of Reconciliation of which he is chairman. It was felt that we can often do good work in cooperating with such organizations especially when the ideals and policies are so similar to ours.

The detailed Treasurer's report was examined but not read.

Adjourned at 7:30.

Benjamin Gerig
Acting Secretary.

Meeting of General Committee
Eleventh Month 10th, 1926.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Headquarters, 14 Beacon St, Boston, on Eleventh Month 10th, 1926, at 3 o'clock.

Present (12) — Present: Thomas Wood, Benjamin Gerig, William M. Duguid, Hattie E. Jacob, Anna Wharton Wood, Arthur M. Hussey, Maud M. Hill, Sarah W. Hallowell, Georgia B. Wood, Stephen Rushmore, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Blanche K. Howland.

Regrets. — Regrets for Absence were received from Wilbur K. Thomas, Herbert B. Wood and Henry T. Osborne.

The minutes of the last meeting held 10 mo. 12th were read and approved.

Regular Time of Meeting of General Com. — As Fourth Day was found to be most convenient for the members of our Committee, it was decided to appoint the 2nd Fourth Day as the regular time of meeting each month for our general committee. The meetings will be held at 3 P.M. at the Friends Headquarters, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

Telephone listing. — The name of the American Friends Service Committee has been listed under the telephone number Hancock 3467, and it will appear in the next telephone book issued.

Com. on Militarism in Education. — Benjamin Gerig gave a report of the joint meeting on 11 mo. 9th of the Executive Boards of the Mass. Committee on Militarism in Education and the American Friends Service Committee, at which the matter of cooperation of the two committees was discussed.
There are now 18 towns and cities in Massachusetts where there is compulsory military training, and both committees are anxious to change this situation. The Committee on Militarism in Education makes the request that we allow Benjamin Gerig to act as their Field Secretary, and devote

part of his time to this joint work. They offer to pay $50 a month, which amount he can use for a stenographer or other expenses. The matter of how we should cooperate in this work was left with our Executive Board to decide.

Nevin Sayre in Boston

At the last meeting, our Field Secretary was asked to see what was best to do about arranging a Friends Forum, and finding a pulpit for J. Nevin Sayre when he was in Boston 10 mo. 24th. He reported that it was not possible to have a Round Table at that time, but that Mr. Apthorp had found a place for him to speak at the Baptist Church on Commonwealth Avenue at 12 o'clock on that day.

Meeting in N.Y. of Nat'l Com. on Mil. in Ed.

Benjamin Gerig attended the meeting of the National Committee on Militarism in Education in New York on 10 mo. 20th. They thought it was best to concentrate their efforts on [illegible] Military Training in Schools and Colleges. [illegible] that the Women's [illegible] not [illegible] personal letters, they should try to get members of the House and Senate to oppose measures along military lines. The natural geographical centers for this work were Nebraska, Massachusetts and Wyoming.

Teaching History

In regard to the teaching of history in the public schools, Benj. Gerig said he had not been able to get his committee together but had conferred with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and had found there very ready to take the initiative in the matter. They thought this should be endorsed by as many organizations as possible, and contemplated forming a Boston Peace Council, composed of 35 different organizations, who would stand back of the movement. This Council should consist of labor organizations, teachers clubs, Women's Christian Temperance Unions, etc. They would all work independently, but meet together four or five times a year.

Boston Peace Council

We discussed the idea proposed at our last meeting,

All-Friends Conference

of having an All-Friends Conference. This would be a two-days meeting, when returned workers would be present and problems would be considered.
It was decided wise to have this meeting immediately after our Salem Quarterly Meeting in Boston. Quarterly Meeting will be held on the 3rd Seventh Day in 1st Month and the Conference could come on the following 1st and 2nd days.

Committee on Conference

A committee, consisting of William M. Duguid, Benjamin Gerig and Hattie E. Jacob, was appointed to confer with Wilbur K. Thomas and make the necessary arrangements.

The meeting adjourned, purposing to meet on the 2nd Fourth day in Twelfth Month, at 3 o'clock at 14 Beacon Street.

Blanche F. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of Executive Board.
Eleventh Month 17th, 1926.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Headquarters, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, on Eleventh Month 17th, 1926, at 4:30 P. M.

Present (6) Present: Thomas Rood, Benjamin Gerig, William M. Duguid, Henry H. Perry, Stephen Rushmore, Blanche H. Howland.

The minutes of last meeting, 10 Mo. 19th, were read & approved.

Treasurer's Report. The following Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Financial Statement
From October 1st to November 1st, 1926.

Oct. 1 - Balance on hand - - - - - - - - - -		$120.61
Receipts.		
Oct. 1 - Amer. Friends Service Com. Phila. - - -	300.00	$420.61
Disbursements.		
Oct. 11. - Benjamin Gerig. On October Salary - -	100.00	
" 22 - Benjamin Gerig. Expenses to New York Com. on Mil. in Education.	20.78	
" 22 - Benjamin Gerig. Advanced N.H. Trip. Investigation Mil. Training - -	10.00	
" 27 - Benjamin Gerig. Advanced Phila. Trip	35.00	
" 30 - Benjamin Gerig. Balance Oct. Salary	150.00	
		315.78
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1926. -		104.83

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treas.

Finances The Board expressed approval of the way the finances were being handled - sending a statement each month to the Philadelphia office, reading the same each month before the meeting of the General Committee and having all bills approved by the Chairman.

Finance Committee

It was decided that our committee should start a campaign soon for raising money, as it is badly needed for the work. There was about $6600 sent from New England to the Philadelphia office last year, but it is hoped that we can raise $10,000 this year. We suggest to the General Committee that they appoint the following persons to serve as a Standing Finance Committee: Henry H. Perry, Charles H. White, William M. Dugan, Harvey C. Perry, Benjamin Gerig and Wilbur K. Thomas.

Co-operation with Com. on Mil. in Education

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee wishes to express its great gratification at the opportunity to co-operate with the Committee on Militarism in Education in the matter of abolishing compulsory military training in the schools and colleges of Massachusetts.

For the purpose of initiating this co-operation and working out a policy, it is suggested that a joint committee, consisting of three members from each organization be appointed. It may be better at first to co-operate in certain specific and clearly defined projects indicated by the joint committee under whose direction the Field Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee would work.

The expense for each project, which would be estimated in advance by the joint committee, might well be equally divided between the two organizations. In carrying out any project the Field Secretary might have as his credentials and formal endorsement by the Committee on Militarism in Education a letter from the appropriate officer of this Committee, asking him to undertake for the Committee this specific project.

It seems to this Board inadvisable at the beginning of this co-operation to have one individual for the Field and Executive Secretary of both organizations.

Referred to Com. on Mil. in Ed. 11-18-26

Benjamin Gerig is directed to present this minute to the Committee on Militarism in Education, to consult with them regarding the plan, and to request them to write us a letter as to their decision in the matter. The Chairman of the Executive Board is authorized to appoint a

committee of three to act in the joint committee of the Committee on Militarism in Education upon the proposed working scheme.

All-Friends Conference. The Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of the All-Friends Conference stated that the committee had met to work out a program, and would report at a later meeting.

Interracial Committee In order to make a beginning for work along Interracial lines, we suggest to the General Committee that they appoint a sub-committee to make investigations and plans for the work. The committee might be Mary E. Duguid, Sarah W. Halloowell, Anna Wharton Moore, Mary A. Gore.

Boston Peace Council. Ben Gerig is still working to form a Boston Peace Council, composed of many organizations of all kinds - Labor Unions, Federation of Churches, Young Mens Christian Associations &c. This Council would stand behind the efforts of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and our Committee in the matter of trying to raise the standard of the way history is being taught in the public schools.

Letters to Ministers He proposed a plan, whereby he thought we could get speakers before many of the churches around Boston. For about three dollars we could have envelopes addressed to 450 pastors, and we could send a form letter, asking if they would like to hear the Friends' message of Peace. The letter he drafted was read and approved, and he was directed to carry out this plan.

The meeting then adjourned.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of Executive Board
Twelfth Month 8th, 1926.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon St. Boston on Twelfth Month 8th, 1926 at 2 o'clock.

Present. (8) Present. Thomas Wood, William M. Duguid, Benjamin Gerig, Phoebe Perry, Stephen Rushmore, Charles H. White, L. Ralston Thomas, Blanche K. Howland.

Letters to Ministers — It was reported that 457 letters had been sent to ministers around Boston. Several answers have been received with requests for speakers. It was thought wise to make no charge for such speakers, unless there were travelling expenses involved.

Fellowship of Reconciliation — The matter of Benjamin Gerig's acting as Chairman of the Fellowship of Reconciliation was discussed, and in view of the somewhat critical situation of that organization, we signified our desire to have him continue this work until the crisis is over or until some one is found to take his place.

Joint Committee on Militarism — A letter was read from Lawrence G. Brooks representing the Committee on Militarism in Education, showing their approval of our plan of co-operation, and stating that their committee to work with us, would be Mrs. John F. Apthorp, David F. Miles and Lawrence G. Brooks. The Chairman of our Executive Board appointed Dr. Stephen Rushmore, Eleanor Wood Whitman and C. Paul Townsend to serve with them on a Joint Committee. This Joint Committee met on Twelfth Month 3rd, and decided it would be best to make a canvass of the towns to see where the work should start. Benjamin Gerig has a letter from Dr. Harold E. B. Speight, which will be his endorsement by the Committee

on Militarism in Education.

The meeting adjourned at 3 o'clock.

Blanche R. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Twelfth Month 8th, 1926.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Twelfth Month 8th, 1926 at 3 o'clock.

Present (16) Present. Thomas Wood, William M. Duguid, Benjamin Gerig, Anna J. Haines, Maud M. Hill, Phebe Perry, Sarah W. Hallowell, Hattie E. Jacob, Anna Wharton Wood, Stephen Rushmore, L. Halston Thomas, Mary S. Townsend, Charles H. White, S. Paul Townsend, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets. Regrets for absence were received from Arthur M. Hussey and Herbert B. Wood.

Minutes The minutes of last meeting held 11 mo. 10th, were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report The following treasurer's report was read and approved -

From November 1st to Dec. 1st, 1926.

Nov. 1 Balance in hand		$ 104.83
Receipts		
Nov. 1 - Amer. Friends Service Com, Phila. for Ben Gerig's Expenses in Phila	15.00	
" 6 - Amer. Friends Service Com, Phila	300.00	
" 29 - Benj. Gerig. Adjustment of Expenses N.H. & Phila Trips	13.20	328.20
		$ 433.03
Disbursements		
Nov. 1 - Benjamin Gerig. Adv. on Nov. Salary	50.00	
" 5 - Benjamin Gerig. Toward Expenses Phila	15.00	
" 9 - Office Furn. Exchange Co. - For Desk	18.00	
" 30 - Benjamin Gerig. Balance Nov. Salary	200.00	283.00
Balance in hand Dec 1, 1926		$ 150.03

Blanche R. Howland, Treasurer.

Finance Committee

notified 12-13-27

On the recommendation of the Executive Board, a Standing Finance Committee was appointed consisting of the following persons - Henry H. Perry, Charles H. White, Harvey C. Perry, William M. Dugard, Benjamin Gerig and Wilbur K. Thomas.

Josiah C. Russell

As Josiah C. Russell has moved away from New England, it seems advisable to take his name from our membership with regrets.

All-Friends Conference.

William Dugard, chairman of the Committee on All-Friends Conference reported that Wilbur K. Thomas was in Boston on 11 Mo. 22nd, and there was an informal meeting at the home of Benjamin Gerig, with as many of our members as could get together on short notice. It was decided to change the time for the Conference and have it about the first of March, because of the possibility of having Rufus M. Jones with us at that time. The young Friends of Steady Meeting of Friends for New England have postponed their conference until that time, and it was thought well to have their president, S. Elton Trueblood, co-operate with our committee in making the plans.

Joint Committee on Militarism

According to the suggestion of the Executive Board the following Joint Committee has been appointed to have charge of the work done in our co-operation with the Committee on Militarism in Education.
From the Committee on Militarism in Education:- Mrs. John T. Emhorp, David K. Niles and Lawrence G. Brooks.
From the American Friends Service Committee:- Dr. Stephen Rushmore, Eleanor Wood Whitman and S. Paul Townsend.
Benjamin Gerig, our Field Secretary, will have a letter of endorsement from the Chairman of the Committee on Militarism in Education.

Thomas Wood advised conv.

Field Sec'y Trip to N. H.

Ben Gerig gave an account of his trip to New Hampshire. He spent three days there, speaking in some of the Friends

Meetings and visiting the University of New Hampshire in Durham, where he discussed compulsory Military Training with the Dean and others. They seemed to be surprised that Friends really existed any longer, and said there had been so few of them in the University, that there had never been any difficulty about military training. One of our members, Henry T. Osborne, wrote out his experiences there. Although he was excused from military training, it was made rather unpleasant for him, and he stayed only a short time.

Field Secretary's Trip to Phila.

Ben Gerig spoke at the Service Committee Meeting in Philadelphia, telling of the plan of starting a Friends Hostel at Geneva, where ten carefully selected Friends of several different nationalities could live, while taking courses at the University. In this way young Friends would understand our international problems, and could help us solve them.

Anna J. Haines

We were very much favored in having with us Anna J. Haines who has just returned from her work in Russia. She said that the conditions were much better there than they had been for some time. 90% of the pre-war industries were now resumed. There had been great distress after the famine, but now for the last year, there seems to be no need to help the peasants. The local health department sees its way clear to take over all the work along medical lines, but it is impossible to get good nurses. The Service Committee wants to start a school for nurses in Moscow or some other large city. The health authorities are anxious for this also, and will co-operate in every way they can. They cannot help financially, but will give the buildings, which are well located, but in need of expensive equipment.

The Service Committee is the only foreign organization allowed to remain in the country now, and they have been given permission to start such a school under the administration of foreign nurses. This school would have 60 students, - a three years course with 30 students in each class. They

want to make it a model school, and it would need about $50,000 each year. Emma Haines is in America now in the interest of this project and said that one third of the amount is in sight. The Philadelphia office cannot meet the rest by their budget, but must look for outside assistance.
They feel that in five years time, it would fit into the government work, and they could then take it over.

Interracial Committee notified 12-13-26

On the recommendation of the Executive Board, an Interracial Committee was appointed, consisting of Mary E. Dugan, Sarah W. Hallowell, Emma Wharton Wood, & Mary E. Gove.

Teaching of History

Ben Gerig reported about the matter of improving the teaching of History in the public schools. He had not called the committee together, but he had talked with the chairman of the Women's International League, and they feel that a Boston Peace Council, composed of many different kinds of organizations, should be formed.

Boston Peace Council

A Boston Peace Council would stand back of such a project as the teaching of History and they would also try to pass the All Inclusive Arbitration Treaty which aims to have all matters, even those involving "vital interest" and "national honor", settled by arbitration.
This plan was endorsed by the Committee.

Japanese Student in Boston

The American Friends Service Committee has brought three Japanese students over to America this year, to show our good will and to try to take away in a small measure the ill effects of the Exclusion Act. One of these students is taking post-graduate work at Smith College. The Committee heartily approves of having her come to Boston for her Christmas vacation. The Philadelphia office will pay her train fares, and there are several people who will entertain her during the sixteen days she will be here.

Mexico. Ben Gerig brought up the matter of our relations to Mexico, and the critical position we are in. There was an editorial in last Sunday's Herald by Francis Sayre, and Ben is taking it out in many other papers. This is urging the American people to use their efforts in having the present difficulties with Mexico settled by the World Court instead of taking drastic action.

The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock, purposing to meet at the usual time in First Month.

Blanche B. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of Executive Board.
First Month 12th, 1927.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee New England Branch met at 14 Beacon St. Boston on First Month 12th, 1927 at 2:30 P.M.

Present (4) Present - Thomas Wood, Wilbur K. Thomas, William M. Dugard, Benjamin Gerig, Stephen Rushmore, Henry F. Perry, Charles H. White, Harvey C. Perry, Blanche H. Howland.

Regrets for Absence were received from Mary A. Gove.

Expense of Joint Com. on Militarism The chairman of our part of the Joint Committee on Militarism said that the expense of the work to abolish compulsory military training in the schools and colleges would be met in the following way - Each specific object would be entered into and the expense shared evenly by the Committee on Militarism in Education and the American Friends Service Committee. Upon hearing from our Field Secretary the result of any project, a statement of expense would be submitted to the Joint Committee, and they would report back to the general Committees.

Field Sec. at Amherst Conference The matter of Benjamin Gerig's trip to Amherst Twelfth Month 28-30th was taken up, and the Board approved of paying his expense, which were less than $15. Phillips Bradley, George Taylor and others at Amherst called this informal conference to discuss how young Friends could become more active in the work of Friends. They have already started a Friends Meeting for the three colleges, Amherst, Smith and Mt. Holyoke, and they want us to send speakers into that part of Massachusetts. They are also interested in the work that is being done at Springfield and in the matter of compulsory military training at the Amherst Agricultural College.

Finance Campaign

The chairman of the Finance Committee reported that they had met and laid out plans for a campaign for raising money. The members of the committee will get in touch with helpers in each territorial group, with the object of getting names of all the families of New England Friends. Then letters will be sent out asking for contributions. The National Office at Philadelphia already solicits from non-Friends for special objects, so the committee will limit itself exclusively to Friends in this present campaign. The plan is to have these lists ready by First Month 20th, and complete the work ten days later. They hope to raise $15,000.

Contributions by New England Friends.

Wilbur Thomas said that between $8,000 and $9,000 was given last year by Friends in New England. This year only $2,635 has been received and $2,700 of this has been paid back to us for the expense of our New England Branch. However, more money usually comes in between now and Fifth Month 31st (the end of our financial year) than at any other time, so it is hoped that our New England contribution will be greatly increased before that time.

The meeting adjourned at 3 o'clock.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
First Month 12th, 1927.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon Street, Boston First Month 12th, 1927 at 3 o'clock.

Present (18)

Present - Thomas Wood, Wilbur K. Thomas, Benjamin Gerig, Hattie E. Jacob, Harvey C. Perry, Anna Wharton Wood, S. Walton Thomas, Maud M. Hill, Arthur M. Hussey, Stephen Rushmore, Henry H. Perry, Charles H. White, Robert E. Owen, Mary S. Townsend, Mary A. Gove, S. Paul Townsend, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Blanche K. Howland.

Reading of the Minutes unnecessary.

It was decided inadvisable to have the minutes of the General Committee meetings read each time. After every meeting the minutes will be sent to the members of the committee, who are requested to advise the secretary in writing of any errors.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch, held 12 Mo. 8th, 1926, were approved as circulated.

The following minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held 12 Mo. 8th, 1926, were read: -

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Treasurer's Report.

The following treasurer's report was read & approved: -

From Dec. 1, 1926 to Jan. 1, 1927.

Dec. 1. Balance on hand - - - - - - - $ 150.03

Receipts.

Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila. - - 300.00 $ 450.03

Disbursements.

For addressing 460 Envelopes to Ministers - - - 2.50

Advanced on Ben Gerig's Trip to Fall River - - - 15.00

Balance for 1000 Special Stamped Envelopes - -	20.00
Printing 600 Lecture Cards. - - - - - - - - - -	7.75
Benjamin Gerig's December Salary. - - - -	350.00
Advanced on Ben Gerig's Trip to Amherst. - - -	15.00
Office Supplies, &c. - - - - - - - - - - - - -	13.20
	323.45
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1927 - -	126.58

(Signed) Blanche K. Howland, Treasurer.

Typewriter Repairs. The Committee signified its approval of having the treasurer pay any bill for repairs on the office typewriter used for American Friends Service Committee work.

Militarism. Ben Gerig reported that the Joint Committee had decided for him to make a survey of the 17 or 18 towns in Massachusetts where there was compulsory military training.

Fall River. He spent two days in Fall River, and interviewed twelve or fifteen Protestant ministers, saw several business men and Friends, and talked with the superintendent of schools and the drill-master.

All Freshmen in the High School are required to take "military drill," which is held in the armory for an hour every two weeks. Others may elect to take the "cadet drill," which is given two hours each week in the armory. Only 60 out of a possible 1200 take this.

He received two invitations to speak there later before the Ministerial Association and the Kiwanis Club, consisting of 90 business men. The Ministerial Association decided to hold a special meeting to see what they could do to help the situation. The Kiwanis Club is much interested in the same problem.

The city is 85% Catholic, and five out of seven members of the School Board are Catholic. Father Cassidy is the outstanding leader, but he felt there was little he could do. However, he was interested and asked for information, pamphlets &c.

Ben Gerig was courteously treated, and he feels

that the fact of their organizing locally, in order to go into the matter, was encouraging.
Wilbur Thomas wishes that an interracial council be started in Rhode Island as well as in Massachusetts. He thinks we could get different people busy, to work out the problem in their own towns.

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The Sleeping Car Porters are making an effort to improve their working conditions, and ask for the co-operation of Friends. Today, they are getting $78 a month and are dependent on tips for a living wage. What they are asking for is $125 a month and no tips. Some of them think that the white man will not listen to such an appeal without drastic action, but many of them are anxious to carry it through by peaceful methods. They come to us not for money but for moral support in the stand they are taking, and the Committee felt that we should give them sympathetic hearings and encourage them all we can.
Philip Randolph, a colored man from New York, will speak at any time as they are desirous of getting the message to the white people, and of having our useful influence with the Pullman Co. and the Mediation Board.

Interracial Information Groups

Wilbur Thomas said he hoped the American Friends Service Committee would balance the different interests on which we stand, and give an all-round message to the world. He felt that the Interracial Work as well as the Peace Work should claim our attention. In New York and Philadelphia they are forming Information groups, who are trying to get acquainted with what is being done in those cities for and by the Negroes. Tours are made by groups of white people, led by colored men, to see just what the colored people are doing every day in the banks, theatres, restaurants, churches, stores, etc. In Boston where there are about 15,000 negroes, this could be carried out in connection with the Urban League.

Information takes away prejudice.
In Boston it is difficult for the Negro to get positions.
In Providence, Fall River and Springfield it might be more the problem of housing.
This matter was referred to our Interracial Committee for their attention.

Delegates to Interracial Conference at Washington

Wilbur Thomas asked if we could send 3 or 4 delegates to a Conference of Friends on the Atlantic Seaboard, to be held in Washington 2 Mo. 11 & 12th, to discuss the question of "What Should Be the Friends Attitude Toward the Negro?" We have now 4,000 to 5,000 Friends in Jamaica, Cuba and other places. When they come here to our cities, how shall we give them proper treatment, if homes will not open to them and they are given no consideration? Shall they have their own institutions or shall they join with us? The matter of appointing delegates to the Conference was left with the Executive Board.

Boston Peace Council.

Ben Jong has the names of several organizations who are glad to join the Boston Peace Council. They would meet 5 or 6 times a year to discuss various peace topics, events taking place in Geneva, the Mexican situation, teaching of History, Anti-Anglican Treaty, etc. They are planning on a supper-meeting soon, when they will organize.

Mexican Situation.

Ben Jong said he had given much of his time recently to the Mexican situation, which is extremely critical just now. He had sent an article by Frances Sayre to 80 editors of New England newspapers, urging people to use their influence for arbitration. The last few days he had been busy getting signatures to a telegram to be sent to the Secretary of State, the Foreign Relations Committee and the State Senators, stating their

opposition to the use of armed force, and urging the withdrawal of the same from Nicaragua, and submission to adjudication of our legal dispute with Mexico. This was signed by many noted lawyers, professors, ministers, doctors and business men of Boston.
The Committee heartily approved of sending the telegram and of having it signed by the Chairman of our Committee.
The expense would amount to $18 or $20, and it was decided that our Committee would finance it if necessary.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 P.M. to meet at the usual time in Second Month.

Blanche K. Howland,
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board.
Second Month 9th, 1927

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon St., Boston, on Second Month 9th, 1927 at 2 P.M.

Present (4) Present.- Thomas Neal, Henry H. Perry, Benjamin Greig, Blanche H. Howland.

Reports for Absence were received from Stephen Pinkney, William W. Lapham, Charles H. Wells, Wilber F. Thomas.

Minutes The minutes of the Board Meeting of First Month 12th were approved to circulated, with the following correction, in the last paragraph, in speaking of the amount now contributed by New England this year, it says - "however more money usually comes in between now and Third Month 31st (the end of one financial year)" etc. This should read - Fifth Month 31st (the end of our financial year).

Cards for Joint Com. Work. The expenditure of $1.25 for cards, to use by the Field Secretary in the Joint Work on Militarism, was approved by the Board.

Expense of Telephone The expense of the telephone at the office at 261 Franklin Street was discussed. The only available service in the Hancock exchange is the limited service of 100 calls per month for $6 with 7¢ for every additional call. The business under the name of Frank A. Howland (whose office we share) will continue to pay for the average number of calls they have used the past year, which is the fixed charge of $6 and $1 on the additional calls each month. The American Friends Service Committee agreed to pay for all the additional calls above this.

Finance Committee The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported that the lists of members are coming in from the different

Meetings, and 21 lists subscribing over 900 names have been forwarded to Philadelphia. The office there is mimeographing the form letter, and has all the enclosures ready, and the envelopes are being addressed as the lists reach them. The letters will finally be sent out from the Boston office, as soon as the Committee is sure of some [illegible] ch Realty who will bother of this solicitation for funds. The fact of our Meetings being so scattered all through New England makes the work more difficult.

All-Friends Conference.

Benjamin Gerig reported that plans for the All-Friends Conference could not progress very far until we know definitely when [illegible] can come to Boston. He is due in Philadelphia the week and it will be arranged soon. The plan is to have the Conference some week-end in [illegible] th, to continue from the evening of Eighth Day through First Day.
Future forces would have two meetings, one of which would be a large public meeting in some suitable place. Some Philadelphia Friends would come in to the Conference.
The general subject would be "Quakerism:- Its Message, Method, Motive and Scope".
There would be many speakers, - William Reagan, Caroline Norment, Philip Bradley, Emily Balch, Carolina Wood and others.
There would be provision for the young Friends' interests, as they are co-operating with us in arranging for this Conference.

Delegates to Interracial Conference at Washington

The Board was very glad to appoint the following delegates to the Interracial Conference at Washington, D.C. on Second Month 11th and 12th, - Stephen Pushmore, Mary A. Gove, Louisa Prescott and L. Ralstore Thomas.

L.R.T. notified 2-9-'27

Letters to Ministers

It was reported that from the letters sent out to the Ministers around Boston, we had received 16 requests

for speakers. We now have 5 speakers - Benjamin Gerig, D. Elton Trueblood, Mary E. Duguid, Eleanor Wood Whitman and Philip W. Furnas.
The requests had come from several denominations, - 5 Congregational, 4 Methodist, 3 Baptist - one of these being a colored church, 2 Episcopal, 1 Presbyterian and 1 Union Service of 5 Protestant Churches.

Boston Peace Council

Benjamin Gerig said that a few weeks ago, there were 15 organizations that had signified their desire to join the Boston Peace Council. Since then, the acute Mexican situation had taken up much of his time, and the Council had been dropped. But it is being taken up again, and on Third Month 9th, they are planning a supper-conference of Labor, Church and Peace organizations. There seemed to be a very favorable response to the plan. In this work Ben Gerig does not act as a representative of the Service Committee. He merely tries to get these organizations together, and they all have the same standing in the Council and appoint their own chairman.

Death Penalty Law

The matter of the death penalty law in Massachusetts was discussed briefly, but no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 3 o'clock.

Blanche F. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Second Month 9th, 1927.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Second Month 9th, 1927 at 3 o'clock.

Present (11)

Present: Thomas Hood, Benjamin Gerig, Sarah N. Haskell, Stephen Cushmore, Hattie E. Jacob, Emma Wharton Hood, Arthur M. Hussey, Paul Sonnenend, Maud M. Gill, Mary A. Gee, Blanche K. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from William H. Hunnewell, Henry H. Perry, Wilbur F. Thomas, Charles H. White and L. Galston Thomas.

Minutes

The minutes of the last General Committee Meeting, held 1 Mo. 12, 1927, were approved as circulated, with the following correction, — In the Treasurer's report, the item "For 1000 Special Stamped Envelopes $20.00" should read - Balance on 1000 Special Stamped Envelopes $20.00.

The following minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held 1 Mo. 12th, 1927, were read: —
(see Page 39 for this report)

Treasurer's Report

The following Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Financial Statement for January

Jan. 1 - Balance on hand - - - -	$ 126.58	
Received from Philadelphia Office	300.00	
		$ 426.58
Expenses for the month - - - - - - - - -		305.88
Balance on hand February 1, 1927 -		$ 120.70

(Signed) Blanche K. Howland, Treasurer.

Interracial Round Table plans.

The Interracial Committee reported that they had planned an Interracial evening for the Round Table on Third Month 13th. They thought the Executive Secretary of the National Urban League would be present, and about twelve other representative Negroes.

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

It was thought best not to have a speaker on the subject of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters at the Interracial Round Table in Third Month.
Philip Randolph will speak about this at Ford Hall on the evening of 2 Mo. 13th, so all can hear him there.
S. Rushmore attended the Service Committee Meeting in Philadelphia last month and said they decided then that this matter of the Brotherhood was not within their province. It was more a Labor than an Interracial question, and they referred it to the Committee on Social Order in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Delegates to Interracial Conference at Washington

The Committee was advised that the Executive Board had appointed the following persons to serve as delegates to the Interracial Conference to be held at Washington, D.C. Second Month 11th and 12th, — Stephen Rushmore, Mary A. Gove, Louisa Prescott and L. Palestine Thomas.
It was thought that a Round Table might be arranged for Second Month 20th, to hear reports from these delegates.

notified L.P.T. 2-9-27

Japanese Student in Boston.

Blanche Howland reported that Kiyo Harano the Japanese student from Smith College, spent six days in Boston during her Christmas vacation. It was hoped she could be here longer, but she had the opportunity of going to an Intercollegiate Conference at Milwaukee as a delegate from Smith, which shortened her stay here. She was beautifully entertained here by friends, and had a delightful Christmas. She was most enthusiastic over her good time, and very grateful for all that was done for her. She made a very favorable impression on all, as she is attractive and seems to be a girl of good Christian principles.

Militarism The Field Secretary reported his progress in investigating the military training conditions in five different towns in the state. In Fall River and Gloucester he had the cooperation of the ministers, and they invited him back to speak before their Ministerial Associations.

Fall River On Fall River the ministers were interested enough to form a Citizens Committee to carry forward the campaign. The President of the Ministerial Association there wrote him a fine credential, after he had spoken twice, stating that Benjamin Gerig had presented the issues of the Peace movement to the Association and, although all the members were not of the same mind as Mr. Gerig, still the matter was presented in such a fine spirit and light that the reaction was exceedingly favorable.

Gloucester Soon he will speak before the Parent-Teachers Association at Gloucester, and it is possible that he and the head of the American Legion there may have a chance to debate the subject of military training. The Methodist minister at Gloucester wants to hold a Union Meeting some Sunday evening and have Dr. Speight and Benjamin Gerig speak.
It was surprising to find there a police woman in active service, who proved to be a Philadelphia Friend.

Wakefield In Wakefield he found the people cordial and respectful, but there was absolutely no sympathy and no opening.

Lowell. Lowell is very militaristic, but the principal of the School was willing to give any assistance he could, and the Episcopal rector was much concerned to have the matter brought before the Ministerial Association.

Woburn. At Woburn most of the people have the drill. However, the minister of the Unitarian Church is interested and

wants to have Ben Gerig and the captain, who is the drill master, discuss the subject some Sunday afternoon at the church.

There are other places to visit, like Leominster, Winthrop, Weston and Methuen, where military training is compulsory.

Boston University Peace Group.

Ben Gerig has spoken twice before the Theological students at Boston University, with the result that fifteen young men have signed the membership cards of the Fellowship of Youth for Peace, and have organized a permanent peace group at the college. They are much interested, and are ready to go out to speak to young People's groups.

Election of Officers

Notified 2-10-27

The Chairman said that our New England Branch of the Service Committee had been organized over a year, and there should be a new election of officers. It was decided to appoint a Nominating Committee, to bring forward names of officers to serve for the balance of the year. This committee consisted of Henry H. Perry, S. Paul Townsend and Maud M. Hill.

Amherst Conference.

The Field Secretary had given a short report of the Conference that was held in Amherst Twelfth Month 28-30th, but he was asked to tell more about it. They met in a lodge about a mile and a half from the town, and there were about fifteen present, including Philip Bradley, George Taylor, Paul Douglas from Chicago University, Ray Stannard Baker and seven from Boston. Also some sympathetic non-Friends. The object of the conference was to consider how to extend Friends groups and Friends activities in that section, and to organize permanent Friends Meetings as they [illegible] that their principles and mode of worship are adapted to solve the problems of modern life.

There were several devotional meetings, and Paul Douglas gave a stirring talk on the true source of strength. The reason our work is often ineffective is because we don't have the spiritual background, nurtured by meditation and devotion.
It was a most worth-while conference, and all felt greatly up-lifted and strengthened. They agreed that they should try to have such conferences at Yale and other colleges. They plan to have their Friends Meeting at different places, sometimes at Smith or Amherst, and sometimes at Springfield.

Mexico. The telegram that was sent First Month 14th, to the Secretary of State and others at Washington, urging arbitration in our dispute with Mexico, was read by Senator Walsh before the Senate and was commented upon for fifteen minutes. It was quoted and written upon at length in the New York and Boston papers, and was sent all over the United States through the Associated Press.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05, purposing to meet at the usual time in Third Month.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary

Meeting of the Executive Board
Third Month 9th, 1927.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon Street, Boston on Third Month 9th, 1927 at 2:15 P.M.

Present. (8) Present. Thomas Wood, Wilbur K. Thomas, William M. Duguid, Benjamin Gerig, Henry H. Perry, Mary S. Townsend, D. Elton Trueblood, Blanche F. Howland.

Regrets for Absence were received from Charles H. White and Mary A. Gove.

Minutes The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on Second Month 9th, 1927 were approved as circulated.

All-Friends Conference. The tentative program for the All-Friends Conference to be held in Boston 4 Mo. 1-3, was read and discussed. Most of the meetings will be held in Pilgrim Hall, 14 Beacon Street. The Old South Meeting House will be used for Rufus Jones' talk on the evening of the 1st, and post cards will be sent to 500 or more people outside of the society of Friends. The full program, with an invitation to attend, will be sent to all New England Friends. The total expense will be about $250, and the Young Friends Board will share the expense.

Future Plans of Field Secretary Ben Gerig said he hoped soon to make a circuit of colleges and universities, with four objects in view.

1.- To meet the Deans and Presidents, and tell them about compulsory military training.
2.- To find openings for Harold Bing and Tom Harrison.

3.- To get young people interested in the Student in Industry plan.
4.- To speak to classes on Peace.

The meeting adjourned at 3 o'clock.

Blanche B. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Third Month 9th, 1927.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Third Month 9th, 1927 at 3 o'clock.

Present. (18) Present. Thomas Wood, Stephen Rushmore, Wilbur K. Thomas, Henry H. Perry, Maud M. Hill, Anna Wharton Wood, Sarah W. Hallowell, Hattie E. Jacob, L. Ralston Thomas, Louise Merritt Parker, Mary W. Gove, D. Elton Trueblood, Benjamin Gerig, Mary W. Townsend, Eleanor Wood Whitmarsh, Paul Townsend, Mary E. Duguid, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for Absence were received from Pleasaunce von Gaisberg, Henry T. Osborne and Charles H. White.

Minutes The minutes of the last General Committee meeting, held 2 Mo. 9th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

The following minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, held 2 Mo. 9th, 1927, were read -
(see page 46 for this report)

Treasurer's Report. The following Treasurer's report was read and approved -

Financial Statement for February.

Feb. 1. Balance on hand	$ 120.70	
Received from Phila. Office	300.00	$ 420.70
Expenses for the month		297.17
Balance on hand March 1, 1927		$ 123.53

(Signed) Blanche R. Howland, Treas.

Officers Elected. The chairman of the Nominating Committee said: - That from the beginning of the New England Branch the work has been expanding, and has demanded

more and more time and energy of the officers. The future will make even greater demands. The Chairman of the New England Branch had expressed the opinion that it would be difficult for him to give time enough to the work, and he desired to be relieved of the duty. The committee was united on a new chairman, but felt that Thomas Wood had brought us assets that could not be replaced. He had carried us by the reefs, and the committee hoped that he would stay and help us, although we would not call on him as much as before.

Notified Harvey C. Perry. 3-18-27. Rec'd 3-24-27.

The treasurer had asked that an auditor be appointed at this time.

The nominating committee was united in submitting the following slate:

For Chairman - - - - - - - Stephen Rushmore
Vice-Chairman - - - William M. Duguid
Secretary & Treasurer - - Blanche R. Hovland
Auditor - - - - - - - - Harvey C. Perry
Field Secretary - - - - Benjamin Jerig.

These nominations were approved by the General Committee, and the officers were declared elected.

Appreciation of the work of Thomas Wood

The Secretary was directed to record the following minute:

The New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee hereby expresses its deep sense of appreciation of the faithful and conscientious leadership of Thomas Wood during the first year of work of the Committee. Beginnings are always difficult and mistakes at such a critical time might have proved serious. The Committee feels assured of the continued interest and support of Thomas Wood, but desires to record permanently its sense of appreciation of what he has already done.

Minute sent 3-24-27

Nominating Committee

As it was suggested that the members of the Executive Board also were officers, the Nominating Committee was requested to withdraw and later make nominations for the Board.

New Chairman.

Stephen Rushmore then took the chair and expressed the hope that Thomas Wood would act as confidential advisor to the new chairman.

All-Friends Conference. Plans

The tentative program of the New England All-Friends Conference to be held in Boston 4 Mo. 1, 2 and 3rd, was read and discussed. The object of the Conference is to make us feel our responsibility as New England Friends in the problems of today.
The halls needed for the meetings would cost about $60, and the whole expense was estimated from $150 to $250. This would be shared by the American Friends Service Committee and the Young Friends Board. Earlham College Glee Club will give a concert in the evening of 3 Mo. 31st, as their schedule brings them to Boston at this time.
The matter of finance of the Conference was referred to the Finance Committee.

Notified H.H. Pearl 3-18-27

Interracial Round Table. Plans

The Interracial Committee has planned a Round Table for 5 Mo. 13th, at which there will be several Negro guests. The program will include singing and talks on the work carried on among Negroes. Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, Constance J. Hadley, Principal of Robert Gould Shaw House, and Butler R. Wilson, President of Massachusetts Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, have accepted invitations to speak.

Joint Com. on Militarism.

Ben Gerig spoke of his experience in Gloucester, in the work of the Joint Committee on Militarism. He spoke before the ministerial group last month, and on 2 Mo. 23rd he went there to speak before the

Parent-Teachers Association. He was to have spoken in the High School Auditorium, but the chairman of the School Committee would not allow it, and the meeting was held in City Hall. Just before the hour of the meeting, he was informed that he must not refer to compulsory military training, as the War Department would not like it and might withdraw their officers if that subject was mentioned. Some took exception to this as restraint of free speech, and considerable argument ensued. Ben Gerig finally agreed to give a peace talk, without referring to the local situation. A Colonel, a Sergeant and twelve Legion men sat near the front, alleged to be ready to break up the meeting if they saw fit, but there was no further trouble. Ben Gerig came home on the train with the Colonel, and they discussed the matter very amicably. Colonel Welles invited him to visit the army base some time, and tell him more about his point of view.

The result is that the city is much alarmed, as they had not realized before how much influence the military authorities had. The ministers are helping; they hope soon to have a big meeting in the Methodist Church when the Colonel who is the drill-master, and Dr. Speight or Ben Gerig will debate the question.

It seems well to concentrate our efforts for a while on this place, as it is the only town with compulsory R.O.T.C. The Service Committee seemed united in the thought that Benjamin Gerig had handled the difficult situation extremely well and had shown the right spirit.

In Fall River those opposed to military training have already organized and have held one meeting.

Report of Delegates to Washington

Three of our delegates were present at the Interracial Conference held at Washington 2 Mo. 11 and 12th. L. Ralston Thomas sent his regrets that he was not able to attend.

Mary Gove said she was impressed with the very cordial way the delegates were received and cared for. She felt the value of having different people working at the same problem. We could take the lesson perhaps that our corner was only a small part of the problem, and it was inspiring to realize the lines of attack and the spirit back of it all, although there was a variety of opinions as to the best way of helping the situation. Something has been done, but more remains to be done in order to give the Negro fair play. All Friends realize this, and want them to have justice, but their viewpoints differ according to their background.

Stephen Buckmore said the situation could be changed only by a gradual growth, and could not be forced. The problems of each community can be met by ways developed in that community, and what is satisfactory in Boston might not work at all in North Carolina.
On the first day of the conference there were talks on work done by, for and with the Negroes. The Conference meetings on the second day were for Friends only, to talk it over and see if there was any unity and what could be done.
No conclusion was reached, but there was a statement of the principles of Friends. Each problem must be worked out in an individual community according to the light of that community.

Wilbur Thomas said there were 75 to 80 Friends present at the Conference. The purpose was to find if there was unity in the general principles of the

work, to break down prejudice and to give a better understanding of the problem. This meeting was merely preliminary to a larger, more open Interracial Conference in the fall.
It was clear that among those attending the Conference there was a variety of reaction to specific projects.

Mordecai Johnson gave the most stirring talk at the Conference. He said that it was not merely a problem with the Negroes. Our Christianity will not work in China, in India nor in Japan, if it doesn't work here. A problem confronts Christianity, and we must not let it narrow down, but must show the universality of the Christian religion. This is a spiritual office, and is the problem of each individual. If he can't meet the test, he himself will lose the light.

Re-Appointment of Executive Board.

The Nominating Committee submitted its supplementary report of the Executive Board, with the following slate:-

Stephen Rushmore

Thomas Wood	Mary A. Gove
William M. Duguid	Harvey A. Perry
Benjamin Gerig	Charles H. White
Henry H. Perry	Blanche F. Howland.

Notified H.C. Perry 3-18-27 Rec'd 3-24-27

The Nominating Committee included the name of Thomas Wood, although he had requested that he should not be placed in the Executive Board, because it felt that he could do so much for the Board in the way of counsel and advice, and it further expressed the hope that he might see his way clear to continue.

The nominations were approved and accordingly the Board was declared elected.

Timbres Entertainment

Sarah Hallowell said that Harry & Rebecca Janney Timbres were soon to be in Boston, and would give

an entertainment here on the evening of 4 Mo. 16th, if we cared to invite them. This young couple spent a year in Russia and a year in Poland, and now are studying in this country, preparing themselves to return and live in Russia. Harry Limbes is getting his M.D. at Johns Hopkins, and his wife is already a trained nurse. They give interpretive songs and dances, tell folk lore, and also have with them a Lithuanian who sings to an accordion accompaniment. Their charge would be $35 and expenses.

They have felt a distinct call to the missionary service in Russia, and have worked very hard to accomplish it. The program is not unusual, and interprets the cultural side of Russian life.

The Committee was favorably disposed toward this plan, if practical means could be worked out. Maud M. Hill was appointed chairman of a committee to have charge of the entertainment, and she was authorized to add to the committee as she thought best.

She desired the cooperation of the office force at 14 Beacon Street, and this was approved by the Committee.

Peace Caravans.

Wilbur Thomas asked the Committee to help in a Peace Caravan plan, where two boys from the junior or senior years in college would get a second-hand Ford car, provide their own camping outfit and go about the country for ten weeks giving Peace talks. Each boy would be given $125 for expenses, and at the end of the season he would receive $75 credit at his college.

Wrote J. E. Southard & Benj. Gerig 3-18-27

There would be no collection taken at their meetings. They would just talk Peace, and then move on to the next place.

This might be tried with groups of three college girls also. Here in the east there are no Friends colleges, but

there are many Friends in the different colleges, and he urged us to help the thing along, and find some real Peace young people who would do it well. They may have to face hard facts, so they must be in earnest and have sense and wisdom.

Delegates to Boston Peace Council.

Benjamin Gerig said that the Boston Peace Council was to meet the evening of 3 Mo. 9th at 6:30 for a supper-conference, and no delegates from our Committee had been appointed. There would be about 27 organizations represented.

Mary and William Duguid were appointed as delegates to this meeting.

Interracial Peace Work.

It was suggested by Walter Thomas that a national peace movement among Negroes be started. In a race they are not always opposed to war, as they think all the good things that have come to them have come through wars. Five Negro ministers and five members of the American Friends Service Committee could meet to talk the matter over and arrange special meetings for the Negroes if possible. This movement would start very simply, but the Negroes would be encouraged to think about Peace, and eventually they would get others to take the same point of view. The Service Committee should encourage other organizations like the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, to take Negroes into membership with them.

Message of Sympathy to Georgia B. Wood

It was suggested by Maud Hill that a letter be sent to Georgia B. Wood, expressing our sympathy and love for her in her illness. (see next page for letter)

The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Blanche R. Howland, Secretary.

Copy of Letter sent Georgia B. Wood.

March 23, 1927.

Georgia B. Wood,
14 Gleason Street,
Dorchester, Mass.

Dear Friend:-

At the meeting of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee on Third Month 9th, 1927, the Secretary was instructed to write to thee for the Committee, as we were all united in desiring to express our love and sympathy for thee in thy illness.

I am therefore writing in behalf of the Committee; and we send thee also our best wishes for thy speedy restoration to health.

Thine sincerely,

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland,
Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board.
Fourth Month 12th, 1927.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, [illegible] in the Board Room, Boston, on the [illegible] 12th, 1927 at 7 P.M.

Present (4) — Present: Stephen Dushimore, Benjamin Gerig, Mary E. Gove, Blanche H. Horsford.

Regrets for Absence were received from Wilbur K. Thomas and Charles A. White.

Minutes — The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on Third Month 9th, 1927 were approved as circulated.

Agenda of the Meeting — The following items on the agenda before the Board were referred to the General Committee which would meet in the 13th:

- Report of Field Secretary during preceding month.
- Reports of - Finance Committee
  - Committee on All Friends Conference.
  - International Committee
  - Joint Committee on Militarism.
- Death Penalty
- Mexican Situation.

Functions of Board and General Committee — The functions of the Board and General Committee were considered.

The Board was formed to carry on business that the large Committee could not transact.
Its duties are defined by the larger group and [illegible] matters are referred to the large Committee for [illegible].
As it is small, the Board can act together easily, at the call of the Chairman, to consider emergency measures or any matters referred to the Board by the General Committee.

The General Committee does not make decisions, but its purpose is to distribute information so that interest is aroused and stimulated and funds are raised to carry on the work.

Plan proposed for the General Com. Meeting in 5 month

The Chairman said that the New England Board had been organized over a year, and we had just had a new election of officers. In connection with this, he felt that we should have a review of our work and see if we have accomplished what we set out to do. We should also formulate plans for the future and determine what relation this Committee should have to the Society of Friends in New England.

Through the office of the Field Secretary we want to bring the whole Society in touch with the work. When Friends are informed, they will back it up. There should be opportunity for the younger Friends who feel the need of activity. The work is under the auspices of Friends, and the testimony of Friends is needed.

The Philadelphia Committee has organized four departments of the work. We can work along these lines, but this need not be our limit. We must decide what we should do here in New England.

The Board desires to make the following recommendation to the General Committee – that at the General Committee Meeting in Fifth Month 11th, the aims and work of the Committee in the past year be considered with a formulation of the outlook for the future.

Advertisement in Herald at Easter.

It was decided to have a $20 advertisement in the Herald the day before Easter, stating briefly the purpose and work of the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Blanche R. Horsland, Sec.

Meeting of the General Committee
Fourth Month 13th, 1927.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Fourth Month 13, 1927, at 3 o'clock.

Present (12) Present: Stephen Rushmore, Benjamin Gerig, William H. Duguid, Carol W. Hallowell, Phoebe Perry, Hattie E. Jacob, Anna Wharton Wood, Mary E. Gove, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Mary E. Duguid, S. Paul Townsend, Blanche B. Woolard.

Regrets for Absence were received from Wilbur K. Thomas, Charles H. White, L. Valentine Thomas.

Minutes. The minutes of the last General Committee Meeting, held 3 Mo. 9th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

The following minutes of the Executive Board Meetings, held 3 Mo. 9th and 4 Mo. 12, 1927, were read.

The minutes of the meeting of 4 Mo. 12th had not been approved by the Board.

(See Page 54 for report 3 Mo. 9th.
and Page 55 - 4 Mo. 12th [Funding matter in reading.])

Treasurer's Report The following Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Financial Statement for March 1927.

March 1 - Balance on hand - - - - - - -			$ 123.53
Receipts.			
From Philadelphia Office - - -		300.00	
Contributions for the Conference - - -		40.00	340.00
			$ 463.53
Expenditures.			
Current Expenses for the Month	304.12		
Conference Expenses - - - - -	46.48		
			350.60
Balance on hand April 1, 1927 -			$ 112.93

The items of this statement are on file at the office at 261 Franklin Street, and may be seen at any time.

The above statement covers the current expenses of the New England Branch.
Since the appeal for contributions went out early in March, a Transfer Account has been started. This is an account of all contributions for the General Work, and each month a check for the total amount will be sent to the Philadelphia office. During March, these contributions amounted to $718, and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treas.

Expense of All-Friends Conference.

The following report of the expense of the All-Friends Conference, April 1-3, was read –

All-Friends Conference April 1-3, 1927.
Statement of April 13, 1927.

	Paid	Unpaid
Expenses.		
Printing and Postage		
1000 Lecture Cards for Rufus Jones	$ 9.50	
Postage on 1000 Lecture Cards	15.00	
1000 Envelopes sent to Phila.	21.98	
Advertising.		
Herald Advertisement		$ 10.00
Special Advertising for Rufus Jones	25.00	
Signs in Old South Meeting House		3.00
Traveling Expenses	78.15	
Halls.		
Old South Meeting House & Move Cases		19.00
Pilgrim Hall &c at 14 Beacon St.		45.00
	149.63	77.00
Total Expense of Conference to date		$ 226.63
Receipts.		
Contributions	$ 86.50	
Special Contribution for Advertising	25.00	
Young Friends Board, N.E. Yearly Meeting	60.00	171.50
Balance to be raised		$ 55.13

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treas.

Notified Henry H. Harvey 4-22-27.

The matter of raising the balance was left to the Finance Committee who already had charge of the expense of the Conference.

Report of Field Secretary

The following report of the Field Secretary was read:-

Report of the Field Secretary for Month ending April 12 '27.

The month just past has been one filled with a variety of activities. In addition to the development of the various lines through which a united Quakerism in New England is attempting to apply Quaker principles, the office at 261 Franklin Street has going through it an increasing volume of correspondence both with Friends and non-Friends. Whether all of this is important or not it at least indicates that we are becoming known in wider circles and that we are figuring more actively in the life and thought of the region in which we live.

Meetings and Addresses. During the month, we have spoken at 19 meetings. Three of these engagements were filled by D. Elton Trueblood and the rest by the Field Secretary. These included churches in Clinton, Milton, Winchester, Lynn, Boston and Hyde Park. Also an interesting invitation came from the Legislative Committee of the Federated Women's Clubs at the Hotel Vendome, in which we were asked to state the pacifist view, after the Committee had heard Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Hunter of the Industrial Defense Association. Four addresses were given at Woolman School and one at the Mt. Vernon Church for the League of Neighbors.

All-Friends Conference. A great deal of the detail in the arrangements of this Conference naturally came through our office. Correspondence with the invited speakers from a distance, advertising of meetings, accommodation of visitors, etc., engaged much of our attention during the weeks previous to April 1st. The Program Committee, — William M. Ingraid, Hattie E. Jacob and D. Elton Trueblood, —

also spent much time and labor in the work of the Conference.

Boston Peace Council. Two meetings of representatives from 27 organizations have been held since March 9th. This cooperative effort has taken a great deal of my time, interviewing these representatives and explaining to them the idea of the Council. As a result, it now seems assured that a worth-while conference on Arbitration will occur in May, supported by the majority of the organizations which are considering the formation of this council. (A fuller report is to be made by our delegates)

Booking Harold Bing. It has fallen to our office to make the engagements for Harold Bing while in New England. He will speak three times on Saturday, May 23rd, four times on Sunday, twice on Monday and twice on Tuesday. With the cooperation of Philip Bradley, we have booked him for eight engagements at Smith, Amherst and Holyoke.

Cooperating with Other Organizations. The Citizens Committee on Relations with Mexico and Nicaragua has held frequent meetings in the office of John F. Moors, Chairman. I have been asked to assist in this work and helped with the special meeting on Senator Norris, as well as in other plans of the committee. The Fellowship has had some meetings at my house in Cambridge and at present I am assisting them in arranging for a week-end conference on Peace, May 28-30.

Hearing on Capital Punishment. At the hearing before the Joint Judiciary Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature I presented a fifteen minute brief on the problem of the death penalty. The chairman of the Committee asked me to send the Committee a copy of my remarks in writing, which I did. The bill was reported unfavorably, although three members of the Committee voted for abolition of the death penalty.

Lovers of the Colleges. I am at present arranging a schedule for speaking in some of the Colleges in New England. I am hoping to present besides a peace message, the plans of the National Committee of Students for Christ and the Peace Caravans for the summer.

(Signed) Benjamin Gerig, Field Secretary.

Report of Com. on Timbres Entertainment.

The Committee on the Timbres Entertainment reported that it did not seem wise, for various reasons, to carry it through this year, as it had been postponed until fall.

Minutes of All-Friends Conference.

The following minutes, prepared by the committee appointed at the All-Friends Conference, were read –

Minutes of the Meeting of Friday Morning, April 1st, on The Present Position of the Society of Friends in the World.

The meeting was chiefly concerned with two matters: first, the testimony of Quakerism to the unity of a man's whole life in all its aspects, – social religious business, etc. centered in a sense of his relationship to God; and second with the great longing which appears in the world for such a testimony and such a way of life.

Elton Trueblood pictures American Quakerism in all its diverse forms and many organizations struggling toward what he called a Catholic Quakerism.

English Friends, despite all their variety, seem to Karlin Aspelund-Johnson to have moved out into a progressively less conservative position and to be concerned now with their task of giving new form to their fundamental ideas. They are less and less concerned with matters of organization and ever more with life and work and the message they feel they have for the world.

Rufus Jones testified to the present eager reaching out toward religion in its more mystical aspects in China, Japan, the Philippines and India, although in India

he noted also a strong reaction toward the more practical aspects of life. He felt that he had found a great yearning for fellowship, and that this might be met by a world-wide Quaker Fellowship which would give an opportunity for expression to all these people who are interested in fundamental Christianity and the Quaker approach to life, but are not yet ready to be committed to membership in any group.

The discussion brought out a general sense of the need of some such open fellowship all over the world. Specific questions were proposed about membership in the whole Society of Friends for seeking people who wish to join something more complete than any section of the Society.

Wilbur Thomas spoke of the major issues confronting us since the World War, under several headings -- the challenge of international service, of work for peace, especially in America, of the race problem of the whole world, and the service of youth for a new social order. "Our two hundred and seventy-five years of history," he said, "are but preparation for this present time."

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The meeting on Friday afternoon was on the general subject of peace. Alfred Ware presented the case of the patriotic man who cannot fight but feels he must serve his country and so takes service of some non-combatant form. Are his case, this was joining up with the Army Y. M. C. A. for service in France, at the same time making a clear statement of his position.

Discussion brought out other views, chiefly those of the absolute pacifist position, which seemed more nearly to interpret the position of the general group.

Emily G. Balch faced the issue of our position very clearly in discussing our approach to the causes of war, urging

we, since actual life is but the realization of ideas and motives, that we work at promoting "the life which takes away the occasion of all wars" by providing the ideas and motive for peace. War is inherent in most of the ideas which govern our lives, our political forms, our history, our reliance on force and selfish methods right through life. Combating this means further re-formation of life and is the great psychological task to which we are set. "We have got to make an absolute demand on ourselves, while we have a very thorough understanding of the position of other people." We kill ideas rather than promote their growth, by methods either of superiority or antagonism.

A. Benjamin Zerig presented the question of Article XVI of the Covenant of the League of Nations under the subject "An International Police Force". He suggested that the so-called "Military Sanctions" of the League are in reality arrangements for policing the world, and that since we can hardly step off in world organization to a point far beyond the present internal status of our own nations, we should accept the League for the present with reservations on the principle of world police. This would mean joining the League with certain reservations and definitions as the next step forward.

The problem of Civil Alternative Service was presented, chiefly as it occurs in Switzerland. Where universal military service obtains, the same problem occurs constantly which comes to us only in time of war. Certain European C.O's are finding the same sort of way through which our men found, in doing Civilian Relief instead of military service. They accept temporary imprisonment and discharge the obligation of conscience by voluntary service in lieu of national importance. Phillips Bradley suggests that our opportunity in America is an ample example in constructive service.

(Signed) Caroline G. Norment
George R. Taylor.

Morning Session – Sat, April 2.
New Methods of Applying Friendly Principles in the World Today and Some Impending Issues.

A central thought of the morning session was the need for study and earnest thought on the part of Friends that they may first "know the facts." Without knowledge it is impossible to apply Friendly Principles in the world today.

Mere desire for service and sympathy unsupported by knowledge of facts are ineffective.

Margaret Frame described the increasing habit of young Friends to seek to understand other social groups by actually working among them. The enthusiasm of those who have had this experience has become a leaven in our Friends Colleges.

Caroline Hornett told how Woolman School is endeavoring to help a mixed group of young Friends to face the facts of life when viewed as a whole and when viewed in their immediate relations.

Martin Brown plead for better knowledge of each other in our own society and suggested itinerant teams of young Friends as one means of realizing this.

As an example of effective work by Friends in the field of legislation Timothy Nicholson was cited. This work became to the strength of his convictions he added an intelligent knowledge of the problems.

Mary Rushmore again stressed the need for knowledge and passing of facts if we are to meet our responsibility to other races.

Carolina Moore brought the contribution of her own fresh knowledge of conditions in Mexico. She urged that more Friends go to Mexico that they may learn and report on

our country, - where ignorance and superstition & not despotism are all too prevalent, - how courageously the present Mexican government is endeavoring to give to an indigenous people free scope for expression.

(Signed) Henry J. Cadbury
Mary A. Jones.

Afternoon Session. Saturday, April 3.

Should Friends Become More Active in Public Life.

Vincent Nicholson opened the discussion. He called attention to the many compromises which an individual must make in undertaking public office and thereby be misunderstood by large numbers of people. While there may be possibilities for one John Bright, he felt that his career was an exception rather than the rule.

Carolena Wood's idea was that a man had to represent his constituency and that Friends could defend themselves in forming a constituency of their own.

George S. Crosman pointed out that a Friend practically had to compromise himself in say the governorship where he had to be head of the State Militia.

Several Friends pointed out that as a minority our function was to criticize rather than to formulate plans.

Arthur Perry reminded the meeting that character rather than the fact of belonging to a Society was what made us eligible to hold public office.

(Signed) William M. Duguid
Benjamin Grig.

Report of the Conference

Many had expressed the desire to have some permanent record of the Conference, as it was considered an event of significance in the life of New England Friends. Also a reprint of Rufus Jones' lecture at the Old South Meeting House.

Notified the Chairman 6-13-27

The matter was referred to the Committee in the All-Friends Conference with power to act.

Report of Delegates to the Boston Peace Council.

Mary Duguid reported for the delegates to the Boston Peace Council. She said there had been two sub-conferences lasting until 9:30. At the first meeting there were 32 people present representing 24 organizations. At the second meeting there were fewer people, but the same number of organizations was represented. Some wanted to hold meetings backed by the Council. Some merely wanted an organization where they could get information without any activities.

She saw the need of some combination where all could join forces and she felt hopeful about its success and wanted Friends represented. There was a committee of [illegible] appointed, to see what could be done and to call another meeting.

Mary Duguid asked if the Service Committee would support the delegates in officially joining the Council. Unless there should be an Executive Secretary appointed there would be no financial obligation. It was merely a willingness to work together.

Notified 6-23-27.

The Committee signified its approval of having Mary and William Duguid act as its official representatives in the Council.

Plans of Field Secretary

The Field Secretary said that he had been asked to teach at Woolman School from 7 Mo. 5th to 8 Mo. 12th. Henry J. Cadbury would present the religious side and the history of Quakerism, and Benjamin Gerig would give the economic and social side.

Wilbur Thomas sails for Europe 7 Mo. 12th, and wants Benjamin Gerig to represent the American Friends Service Committee at the twelve or fifteen yearly Meetings east of the Mississippi River, held during August & September.

It had also been suggested by Wilbur Thomas that it might be well for Ben Gerig to meet with each group of boys in the Peace Caravan for a day or two.

The matter of vacation for the Field Secretary was brought up, but, as he teaches only one hour a day at Woolman School, he felt he would have ample time there for rest, recreation and writing.

The Committee expressed its sympathy with the undertaking. It was felt that the work in New England would not suffer materially by his being away at that time, as there could be little doing during the summer, and the experience would be most valuable to him.

The Committee accordingly granted his request for a leave of absence in the three months of July, August & September.

Plans for General Committee Meeting in 5 Mo.

The Executive Board recommended that at the General Committee Meeting in 5 Mo. 11th, there should be a review of the aims and work of the Committee during the past year, a formulation of plans for the future and a consideration of the relation of the Committee to the Society of Friends in New England. Young Friends should be given opportunity for activity in the Home Service Work. The Field Secretary could give the review of what has been done, and future plans could be given by Friends who have concerns about certain aspects of the work.

This year has been one of experiment and it is not clear to many just what we are trying to do. The Conference was a great stimulus, and it was thought advisable to have this meeting some after.

This plan was approved by the Committee, and it was thought that we should make a special effort to bring it to the attention of all.

notified 4-22-29

Committee to Consider Membership Genl. Com.

It was suggested that it might be well to revise the membership of the General Committee, and the following committee was appointed to consider the matter — Benjamin Gerig, Hattie E. Jacob and Mary E. Gove.

Sacco-Vanzetti Case.

The matter of the Sacco-Vanzetti case was discussed. It was decided that it was not within the province of the Service Committee to take any action in the matter, but it was suggested that it be brought before the Boston Monthly Meeting and the Friends Meeting at Cambridge.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Fifth Month 11th, 1927.

The American Friends [illegible] Committee, New England Division, met at 14 [illegible] Street, Boston, Fifth Month 11th, 1927 at 3 o'clock.

Present: [illegible] Moore, William H. [illegible], Benjamin [illegible], [illegible] H. [illegible], [illegible], Emma Worth [illegible], [illegible] Hartshorn, Mary L. [illegible], Grace Merritt Parker, Mr. [illegible] Smith, Hattie E. [illegible], [illegible] Sommers, Mary M. [illegible], Esther M. [illegible], Mary S. Commend, Henry H. [illegible], Mary A. [illegible], Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from: Anna Moore, Alice P. [illegible], [illegible] Thomas, Florence von [illegible], Eleanor Moore Whitney.

Minutes: The minutes of the last general Committee Meeting, held 4 Mo. 13th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: The following Treasurer's report was read and approved:

Financial Statement for April 1927.

April 1. Balance on hand - - - - - - $ 112.93

Receipts.

Amer. Friends Service Com. Phila. - 365.00

Toward Expense All-Friends' Conference
60.00 Young Friends Board
91.50 Contributions - - - 151.50

Adjustment traveling Eq. [illegible] - - - 5.14

Mass. Committee on Militarism in Ed.
Travel Expense [illegible] Committee - 30.59

617.36 $ 730.36

Disbursements.

Current Expenses - - - $ 37[illegible].40

Advanced traveling Expense - - - 40.00

Expenses of All-Friends Conference. - 151.15

538.55

Balance in hand May 1, 1927 - $ 188.41

The vouchers of this statement are on file at the office at 261 Franklin Street, and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account.

The contributions towards the general fund of the [illegible] Friends Church Committee during April amounted to $[illegible] and a check for the same has been sent to the Philadelphia office.

(Signed) Blanche R. [illegible] Secretary

All-Friends Conference

The treasurer stated that the entire expense of the All-Friends Conference was $272.63. Contributions had been received amounting to $192.59, leaving a balance of $[illegible]

Report of Field Secretary.

The following report of the Field Secretary was read -

Report of the Field Secretary for Month ending May 11, 1927

Meetings and Addresses. During the month just ended I have given the usual number of addresses in churches and before other groups, although the season has come when the time for meetings seems to be less appropriate, and summer as the pulse of our activities will be somewhat diminished. One interesting incident occurred at Hyde Park in the "[illegible] school house on" the Quaker Meeting to the [illegible] of peace." The secretary [illegible] opposed being the meeting and [illegible] a peace-war meeting. The Minister, a former [illegible] the army, was not dissuaded and the meeting went through [illegible], except one or two [illegible] protests from the above-mentioned agent. As a result we have been invited to participate in a [illegible] debate at that church on the same subject at some future date. There been in attendance at the [illegible] Meetings at Mt. Kisco & Armonk.

There was a lively interest expressed in our experiment here in New England, and the growing interest among all Friends in the work of the Service Committee was very encouraging.

Harold Bing. Harold Bing gave 12 addresses in three days in and around Boston. He spoke at the Twentieth Century Club, the worship of Youth for Peace, First Parish Church in Cambridge, Harvard Street Baptist Church, Boston Y. M. C. A., Simmons College, Harvard Liberal Club, Friends Meeting, High School in Quincy — had a number of interviews. From here we booked him to speak around Amherst for about nine addresses. Everywhere his message was greatly appreciated.

Peace Council. As a result of the attempt to form the Boston Peace Council, St. Denys Myers of the World Peace Foundation and Marion Holmes of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and I have been making the arrangements for Senator Walsh to speak on Boston Common on Nobel Prize-Will Day marking the anniversary of the First Hague Conference. It is also hoped that the French Consul will consent to speak.

Cooperation with Other Organizations. I have been assisting in the plans for a Youth Conference in the three last days of this month. This will include 60 persons from the schools and colleges in and around Boston, when we hope to have a three day intensive study of the problem of World Peace. The developments of this group look very promising.

Peace Caravans. Considerable of my time has been given in interviewing students from Boston University, Tufts, Technology, both Friends and non-Friends, to make up the teams to go out on the Peace Caravans this summer. I have nothing absolutely definite as yet to

report but several persons are extremely interested, and I hope to send at least two teams from this part of New England.

Students in Industry. Upon advice of the Philadelphia office, I have been cooperating with James Myers Industrial Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, to try to get a group of students interested during the summer. Such seminars are arranged in New York and Philadelphia, and the one in Boston although not directly under our auspices, should, I think, have our direct cooperation and encouragement.

Carolina Wood. I am now engaged in making a speaking schedule for Carolina Wood on Mexico. On New Bedford, Winchester, Lawrence, Lynn and Portland. She plans to be here May 23rd to May 26th, and a really good schedule seems now to be possible.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) Benjamin Gerig
Field Secretary.

Permanent Record of Conference. The chairman of the All-Friends Conference Committee reported that they had considered the matter of having some permanent record of the Conference but felt that there was nothing further to be added to what had been already incorporated in the Minutes and the article that had been written by Benjamin Gerig for the Friends' papers. The committee was discharged.

Plans of Field Secretary. At the last meeting in Fourth Month, the Field Secretary had suggested plans that would take him away from Boston most of the summer, so he had been granted three months leave of absence by the Committee. Since then, his plans have been somewhat changed. He will spend Seventh Month at Woolman School and during Eighth Month will attend the Young Friends Conference at Guilford College, speak at North Carolina Yearly Meeting and other Meetings

in North Carolina and Virginia. He will be at the Hickside Meeting in Bucks County, Pa. at the end of the month and return home in Ninth Month.

Aims and Objectives of the Service Committee

The principal subject to claim our attention at this meeting was "The Aims and Objectives of the Service Committee."

The Chairman called attention to the fact that when the Service Committee was organized during the war, it was with the object of carrying on relief work abroad. Since there is no longer that need, it becomes the many questions which arise as to whether the Committee should continue or whether it should disappear as the relief work stops.

Today the Service Committee represents a greater project than merely relief work. It is more along the lines of protest against governments as to the duties of citizens. The governments feel that the first duty of a citizen is to take part in war, and Friends have protested against this, as they feel a man's first duty is very different.

Experience has shown us that work is an important factor in bringing together Friends of all views. Unfortunately, there are divisions, but if we can work together, we are likely to understand each other better.

The first year of the New England Branch has been an experiment and it is to be hoped that that feature will always be more or less characteristic of the work, but it seemed now the appropriate time to review the work and to formulate plans for the future.

These questions arise - What are we driving at?
Are we going about it the right way?;
What are the needs of New England?

The testimony of Friends is needed more today than ever before, and we should consider if we have in mind what that testimony means. We should also decide what is the relation of this Committee to the Society of Friends in general and to the Yearly Meetings in New England.

Benjamin Jerig, in reviewing the work of the New England Branch of the past year and forecasting the future plans, gave a kind of interpretation of the idea behind Friends Service Work. He said that the events of the last fifty years, the evangelical and mission efforts of the last century, the war and post-war work followed by the All-Friends Conference in London and the establishment of a chain of Quaker Centers in the various capitals of the world, have made the Society a world-wide movement and created a renaissance of Quakerism which puts us right in line with the life and thought and achievements of earlier Friends. He urged that we continue to be active, pioneering with this Way of Life, and relate this prophetic role in spite of difficulties and opposition.

In outlining the departments of work carried on concurrently with the national office, he pointed out that a regional office must also be alive to all the local situations and modify its program accordingly. It was his opinion that much more intensive informational and unifying work must be done within the Society, especially in the cultivation of the spiritual basis upon which all our work must rest. He hoped that the Service Committee would become the expression of the whole Society and be the instrument through which we could apply our principles in the world of today. To do this we must work together closely with the various Yearly Meeting Committees and with the other organizations closely related both within and without the Society.

The idea was brought out that today the Service Committee is not working so much along service

lines as it is along educational lines in regard to Peace and Interracial Fellowship. This has much in common with the method used during war times. On the face of the tremendous need then, our service was perhaps slight, but Friends felt that the relief work was merely one way of interpreting and upholding their principles.

The only way to persuade people is by living in accordance with our testimony. Our chief testimony today is for Peace, and this is attained only by justice between men.

Stephen Rushmore said that the work in Philadelphia had developed along four lines. Many feel the need of taking some stand against the Death Penalty, so in the New England Grandmore could have another section, — Social Relations, — which would deal with the relation of Society toward the criminal and any — social injustice.

D. Elton Trueblood spoke on the relation of the Service Committee to the organized groups of Friends in New England. He said there are two purposes of the Committee, 1st, the strong purpose of providing an outlet for energy and 2nd the less strong one of uniting all Friends.

The Service Committee has done much to bring about a fine feeling between the groups, but the meetings must not feel that an organization is being forced upon them. This should be allowed to choose their own representatives to the Committee and so feel a direct relationship.

There are two Yearly Meetings in New England, — the smaller only in Rhode Island with two Quarterly Meetings, and the larger one with nine Quarterly Meetings scattered throughout New England. There might be representatives from each Quarterly Meeting and from some of the other meetings as Philadelphia Orthodox, Philadelphia Race Street, New York Hicksite and Baltimore Hicksite. Such a

representative membership is very different from the present self-perpetuating membership, and would eventually put the Com[illegible] on a more unified base, where all Friends could find expression.

Membership of General Committee

The committee appointed to consider the membership of the General Committee was ready to report but felt that it would be better to hold over until another time. This was approved and the matter of membership was referred to the Executive Board, to report at the General Committee Meeting next month.

Japanese Student to be in Boston.

Ben Gerig said that Yasushi Hasegawa would be in Boston from Fifth Month 20th to 30th. He is one of the three Japanese students who are attending colleges in this country through the invitation of the American Friends Service Committee.
Mr. Hasegawa is a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania. He is a man of 35 or 36, exceptionally able and a very good speaker. It is hoped that Friends will feel like entertaining him for the ten days he is here.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40.

Blanche F. Howland, Secretary

Joint Meeting of the Executive Board and the Com. appointed to Consider Membership of Genl Com.
Sixth Month 8th, 1927.

This Joint Meeting was held at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, on Sixth Month 8th, 1927 at 2 P.M.

Present. (4) Present: Stephen Rushmore, Benjamin Gerig, Hattie E. Jacob, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for Absence were received from Mary A. Grove, Henry H. Perry, Harvey C. Perry, Charles H. White.

Minutes. The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting on Fourth Month 12th, 1927 were approved as circulated.

Membership of General Committee. The chairman of the committee appointed to consider the membership of the General Committee presented the names of several persons that they thought would be well to add to the Committee.

The matter was discussed and it was decided that the Executive Board should make the following recommendation to the General Committee, - That the membership of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee should consist of two groups, - the first group of two delegates appointed by each Quarterly Meeting and the second group of other concerned Friends who may or may not be identified with any Quarterly Meeting in New England.

The Board also recommends that the General Committee add the following three names now to the General Committee, - Alexander C. Purdy, Emily Greene Balch and Rachel Conrad Mason.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55.

Blanche R. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Sixth Month 8th, 1927.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Sixth Month 8th, 1927 at 3 o'clock.

Present. (10) Present. Stephen Rushmore, Benjamin Gerig, Hattie E. Jacob, Thomas Wood, Anna Wharton Wood, Esther Morton Smith, Maud M. Hill, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Louise Merritt Parker, Blanche K. Howland

Regrets for Absence were received from Henry H. Perry, Mary A. Gove, Harvey C. Perry, Pleasaunce von Gaisberg, Charles H. White, Fredrika M. Parks, S. Paul Townsend, Sarah M. Halstwell.

Minutes The minutes of the last General Committee meeting, held 5 Mo. 11th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Reports. The following Treasurer's reports were read and approved.—

Financial Statement for May 1927.

May 1 - Balance in hand			$188.41
Receipts			
Amer. Friends Service Com, Phila.		$300.00	
Toward Expense All-Friends Conference		26.00	
Adjust Traveling Exp. of Field Sec.		20.44	
Interest at National Shawmut Bank		.61	
		347.05	$535.46
Disbursements			
Current Expenses		408.11	
Expenses of All-Friends Conference		45.00	
			453.11
Balance in hand June 1, 1927			$82.35

The items of this statement are on file at the office at 261 Franklin Street, and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account.

The contributions for and the General Work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of May amounted to $257.25, and a check for the same was sent to the Philadelphia office on June 7th.

Blanche F. Howland, Treasurer.

Financial Statement
From June 10, 1926 to May 31, 1927.

Receipts.

American Friends Service Com., Philadelphia	$3550.00	
Contributions for All-Friends Conference	157.50	
Young Friends Board. For All-Friends Conference.	60.00	
Contributions for Benjamin Gerig's Trip to Europe.	305.00	
Mass. Committee on Militarism in Education	73.59	
Son Receipts at Lloyd Balderston's Lecture	12.00	
Interest at National Shawmut Bank	.61	
Contributions for Work of Service Committee	1756.25	
		$5914.95

Disbursements

Salary Field Secretary for 11 Months	2750.00	
Salary Stenographer, Half Time 9 weeks.	90.00	
Telephone, Telegraph & Cable	30.15	
Supplies & Postage	220.26	
Office Desk & Files	46.00	
Name on Office Door & Building Directory	4.71	
Rental of Typewriter	10.00	
Repairs on Typewriter	3.75	
Printing & Advertising	81.75	
Mimeographing & Addressing	6.22	
Traveling Expenses	285.88	
Expenses of Benjamin Gerig's Trip to Europe	305.00	
Expenses of All Friends Conference	242.63	
Sent to Phil. Office for Service Work	1499.00	
		5575.35
Balance on hand May 31, 1927		$339.60

$82.35 General Fund
257.25 Transfer Fund
339.60

Blanche F. Howland, Treas.

Expense of All-Friends Conference.

The Treasurer reported that the total expense of the All-Friends Conference was $242.63. The whole amount had been received and all bills had been paid.

Report of Field Secretary.

The Field Secretary gave the following report for Month ending June 8th.

Carolena M. Wood. A speaking tour was arranged for Carolena Wood in Providence, New Bedford, Lawrence, Lynn and Westerly. Her concern was Mexico and the way which Friends could function in this crisis. Several meetings were had in each place.

Yasushi Hasegawa. Our Japanese Friend spent most of a week in and around Boston. He visited in Friends' homes, spoke in Friends Meetings and at the League of Neighbors luncheon. His interpretation seemed everywhere to be appreciated.

Grace Trueblood. Filled an engagement at the Brighton M. E. Church, speaking on the subject - "The Quaker Challenge to a World of Force". A fine interest was shown by the people in her message.

Gloucester. Kevin Sayre and I spent a day in Gloucester to see if a further meeting could be arranged. Our interview with the Chairman of the School Committee was very unsatisfactory. The Methodist minister however was very eager to assist in arranging a meeting and we hope to get the consent of Bishop Anderson to assist in a meeting on free speech for peace in Gloucester.

Youth Retreat. The Youth Retreat on Peace held in or near Canton May 27-30 was well attended and a real success. I acted as chairman of a committee of young people in arranging this conference, which was attended by over eighty people from many of the colleges of New

England and from points as far away as Washington and Philadelphia. Five colored folks were in attendance including Alain Locke, philosopher and poet. The Sunday morning meeting was conducted in the manner of Friends, as it seemed to all the most natural and easy method of service.

Good-Will Address. With representatives from World Peace Foundation and the Women's International League we cooperated in getting some one to speak on Good-Will Day, May 18th, from Boston Common. Senator Walsh at the last moment was unable to perform because of a tooth extracted the day before. This day should be appropriately celebrated each year, as it marks the anniversary of the opening of the First Hague Conference and is getting world-wide recognition.

Field Secretary. During the month I gave the memorial address at Woodward Institute in Quincy. Also spoke on application of Sherman through the Service Committee in New Bedford, Sandwich, Smith's Mills and at Westerly while attending the Yearly Meeting.

Students in Industry. With Mr. Shotts I spent considerable time in looking up possible jobs for college students who wish to study the industrial problem while working in some job this summer. The group in Boston will be in charge of the Industrial Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. this year.

(Signed) Benjamin Gerig, Field Secretary.

Peace Caravans

Benjamin Gerig reported that he had found several theological students interested in the Peace Caravans, but they were unable to enter into the project due to the necessity of earning money during the summer.

A letter was read from the Philadelphia office, stating that on account of limited funds there were to be only nine

teams. These teams have been already chosen, and there will be a conference for them from Eighth Month 18th to 22nd in connection with the Haverford Summer School.

Plans of Field Secretary

The Field Secretary said that his plans for the summer were the same as he had outlined before. After Yearly Meeting at Providence, he will go to his home in Ohio for a few days, then to Woolman School in Seventh Month, in Eighth Month to the Young Friends Conference and to other meetings, and return home in Ninth Month.

Membership of General Committee

The Executive Board made the following recommendations, - that the membership of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee should consist of two groups, - the first group of two delegates appointed by each of the eleven Quarterly Meetings, and the second group of other concerned Friends who may or may not be identified with any Quarterly Meeting in New England.

The delegates appointed by the different Quarterly Meetings would take information and stimulation to the Meetings. The other concerned Friends would be elected by the Service Committee. Boston and Cambridge would probably supply more members than any other place, as they could attend meetings more regularly.

After some discussion, it was decided not to send at this time any official communication to the Quarterly Meetings concerning the membership of the Committee.

notified 6-15-

The Board also recommended that the following names be added now to the General Committee, - Alexander C. Purdy, Emily Greene Balch and Rachel Conrad Nason.

This was approved by the Committee and they were accordingly appointed.

Esther Morton Smith

We were very glad to have with us Esther Morton Smith, who gave a most interesting account of the work in Geneva.

She pictured the inviting entrance to the Friends Center, which is situated in the old part of Geneva. Inside are three rooms, - the office where the Pickards conduct business, the attractive reception room used for social and meeting purposes and the room containing books and many Polish articles for sale.

There are thirteen members of this group, representing five or six nationalities. Great interest is shown in the meetings for worship, which are usually of the nature of Friends Meetings, but as the Genevese are a musical people, they have found the helpfulness of having some of the meetings devoted to music interspersed with times of silence and meditation.

Every month there is a large international luncheon, at which thirty-eight different societies are represented and an address is given by some good speaker.

The Quaker Hostel is planned to feed the Institute of Higher International Studies with young Friends. Alexander and Edith Wilson will be the Wardens. They hope to entertain ten men and women Friends from several countries.

Many of the old families of Geneva are sympathetic, and it is surprising to see what a hold Friends have, and the great respect and love that is shown them. The Genevese are religious and our quiet way appeals to them.

All the work seems so worth-while to continue, and if we give [illegible] in personnel and money, we shall have a far-reaching influence. Now, after

the war, there is no need of physical relief, but we have a message in spreading the spirit of friendliness and kindness and showing the greatness of spiritual force. We have a big service before us and no other body has such an opening as Friends.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55.

MEMORANDUM. Probably no meeting of the General Committee will be held until Tenth Month, when due notice will be given.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board
Eighth month 3rd, 1927.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at 14 Beacon Street, Boston, on Eighth Month 3rd, 1927 at 3:00 P.M.

Present (5) Present. - Stephen Buchmore, Harvey C. Perry, William M. Dugan, Henry H. Perry and Blanche F. Howland.

Benjamin Serig and Charles H. White.

Minutes The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of 6 Mo. 8th, 1927 were approved as circulated.

Plans for Summer Work in Boston Stephen Buchmore brought before the Board a letter he had received from the Clerk of Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends concerning a request for the services of Alice Lindley, June 5, 1927. Also the minutes of Boston Monthly Meeting relative to forming the Boston Committee for cooperation in Andover House and other joint activities with the Cambridge group.

Also they favored having larger headquarters in Boston, and authorized Walter C. Smith to look for a suitable place to rent with the Friends Meeting House. The report of the Boston Committee was referred to all the other Committees of the Executive Board. Friends from the Cambridge group are to be invited to investigate possible tenants and report to the Executive Board.

The following matters pertaining to the work were discussed by the Executive Board:-

It was felt that there should be a larger

Friends Center in Boston, and that the office of the New England Yearly Meeting Friends' Service Committee should be located at that Center.

[illegible] minutes of the approval of the Center was presented, and the Board felt that this could be handled.

[illegible] with the request of Boston Monthly Meeting, Stephen Pinkham and William W. Sargent were appointed to represent the Service Committee on the committee to find a suitable location for the Center.

The Treasurer was directed to notify the Clerk of Boston Monthly Meeting of our action.

The Board offered that it would prove practicable for Martha G. Brailsford to act as secretary for the Friends Center, when it becomes established.

"Friendlindedness" Friends Intelligencer, Sept. 7, Enclosure N. 5.

The advisability of a proposition from the Philadelphia Friends that we join with them in the publication of the pamphlet "Education for World Citizenship" concerning the conversion of Peace Societies, was discussed, and it was voted, with a letter expressed to the Friends, that the Superintendent of Education and Superintendent of High Schools.

The expense of this undertaking, which would be about $43.25, was approved by the Board and the Treasurer was authorized to pay such bills.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Martha G. Brailsford, Secretary.

Meeting of Executive Board
Seventh Month 5th, 1927.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch, met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston on Seventh Month 5th, 1927 at 4 P.M.

Present (9) Present: Stephen Pinchman, Thomas Wm. Atkinson, M. Duguid, Mary A. Gove, Charles H. White, Benjamin Jerig, Wm. H. Howland.

Report for Thomas [illegible] from Henry H. Crapo.

Minutes 3rd, 1927 were approved as circulated.

Budget Branch for this present year was discussed and the following new items were approved.

$550	Toward Rent of Center
500	Toward Salary of Secretary
500	Salary Half Time Stenographer
50	Toward Telephone
4	Toward Electricity
1604	

The Secretary was directed to send a memorandum of the matter to the Philadelphia Office of the Friends Committee.

[illegible] The question of how this assessment is to be raised was referred to the Finance Committee, with the suggestion that the [illegible] be charged [illegible].

Plans for Winter The Chairman said that we should keep New England Friends the idea that the work of the Friends Committee Office is [illegible] to Friends outside the Society of Friends. There is a tendency to forget this

neighbors, but Friends should be convinced that they have a responsibility to stand for the Kingdom of God, and this includes our international and interracial relations.

The Field Secretary said he has been among Friends, but he felt more that it would be better to work with Friends, as they are not solidly behind the programme along international and interracial lines. All Friends should be informed, and then they would be convinced and support the cause.

He felt that the Peace Committee should be more active this winter, and we should get all Friends united on this.

J. Jackson said the chief function of the Committee was not in legislation but in agitation. We are a small body and probably couldn't succeed in getting laws passed, but we could rep the attention of people directed toward these issues.

Thomas Hoar said that the young men of the Society were especially interested in the keeping of National and International ties would be a strong response if there were some one to whom they could look for information and help along that line.

It was thought very advisable for the Field Secretary to start a Correspondence Course in Study Groups with interested young men and women, who would eventually be able to serve as our Speakers Bureau.

The New England Friends Conference last April was very helpful to many, and it was thought advisable to have another one about the same time this year.

Adopted to Conference Minutes

A Conference was called for Ninth Month 17th at Richmond Indiana to determine whether Friends can unite upon a definite policy and

[illegible] of Peace Education.

The Board expressed its desire that Benjamin Gerig should attend this conference if possible, and stay on for some of the Five Years Meeting. His expenses, which would not exceed $100, [illegible] be paid by the Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Charles F. [illegible], Secretary.

Minutes of the General Committee
Seventh Month 13th, 1927.

The General Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 140 Cambridge Street, Boston, Seventh Month 13th, 1927 at 3 o'clock.

Present (8) Members present: Alfred Lee Cadbury, Thomas Mott Oldham, M. Sargent, Mary S. Bogue, L. Roberts Thomas, Anna Hills, Mark W. Hallowell, Emily Greene Balch, Benjamin Young, Annie Merritt Baker, Eleanor Hoag Whittier, Alice P. Ingraham, Blanche K. Howland.

Regrets for Absence were received from Anna Wharton Wood, Robert E. Rowe, Mary R. Cox, Walter M. Hill, Israel Thomas Mason, Charles H. White, Stephen C. Foundy, Frederick M. Parker, Henry H. Perry.

Minutes. The minutes of the last General Committee Meeting, held 6 Mo. 8th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. The following Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Financial Statement

From June 1, 1927 to October 1, 1927.

June 1 - Balance in hand		$ 82.55
Receipts.		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila:	$ 1200.00	
Forward Spence N.E. Friends Conference	25.13	
Friends Conference Carolina Week End	15.00	
Nat'l Council Prevention of War	10.00	
Sewing class Geog. Cross Workman School	220.00	
Interest Nat'l Shawmut Bank	4.00	
	1474.13	$ 1556.68

Disbursements.

Salary Field Secretary	[illegible]
Stenographer, Half time 2 weeks	12.00
Postage [illegible]	5.00

Telephone & Telegraph	24.16
Supplies & Postage	49.92
Printing & Mimeographing	1.25
Travelling Expenses, Field Secretary	25.40
Library Loan Packages	3.00
Supply Room Stock	[illegible]
Balance on hand, October 1, 1927	$406.65

The items of this statement are on file at the office at 120 Boylston Street, and may be seen at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

The following contributions toward the general work of the American Friends Service Committee have been received and forwarded to the Philadelphia office.

June	$257.25
July	345.75
August	245.00
September	265.00
	1113.00

Blanche B. Howland, Treasurer.

Budget for this year

The Budget of the New England Branch for the current year was brought before the Committee, and was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. The expenses for last year were as follows

Office Supplies	$220
Printing & Advertising	88
Travelling Expenses	286
Salary Field Secretary	3000
	$ [illegible]

Also we have the following new items –

Toward Rent of Center	550
Toward Salary of Secretary	500
Toward Stenographer, Half Time	500
Toward Telephone	50
Toward Electricity	4
	1604

The Budget for the year $ [illegible]

Com. on Militarism in Education

There was no report from the Committee on Militarism in Education, but Benjamin Jones told of a boy in a Friends family in Westtown Mon. who had been badly treated because of his conscientious scruples against military training in his school. The superintendent and principal had been quite severe and had made it most uncomfortable for him. Expulsion is possible in that place. Benjamin Jones will consult with the family and see what he can do to help the situation.

Internat'l Committee.

The International Committee reported that they were planning to have a Round Table soon.

Boston Peace Council.

The Peace Council representing about 28 organizations had met for dinner and recreation, but they couldn't secure a space. It was suggested however, that Friends Non-Partisan Recreation Ass. were forward in arranging a Conference for 10 Month 28th and 29th at Friends Meeting and Friends Hall. There will be a dinner. Stanley H. Hudson, Mr. Raymond L. Buell and others will speak and there will be a discussion of what has been going on at Geneva.

It was thought that although the different groups objected to forming an organization, they would agree to strong conferences and would all co-operate.

Report & Future Plans of Field Secretary

The Field Secretary spent five weeks at Westtown School, a week at the Spring Friends Conference at Guilford College, North Carolina, and ten days at the Spring Church Conference, Chester County, Pa.

The Young Friends feel they should be more represented on the Service Committee, and the matter has been brought before the Executive Board of the Service Committee in Phila.

Conversations Young Friends had not been able to get into many meetings in Philadelphia and another thing would be accom-

[illegible] so that Friends would be more active behind the desk. It is very easy to find opportunities for speaking outside the Society of Friends, but Friends do not seem to be awake to the significance of the work of the Committee, which is fundamentally for peace, whether it be through arbitration or, underlying it, behind the death penalty or international fellowship. The falling off in the amount contributed by Friends for the work shows a lack of interest.

It was decided that perhaps more time should be given in bringing before New England Friends what the Committee is doing, so that there will be a better understanding and fuller co-operation.

It was thought wise at this time to lay emphasis on the matter of the Death Penalty. We did not consider it be very impressive, but we can be a moral force for good. The Committee might take the leadership and urge the various meetings to take it up.

The Committee [illegible] work along the lines [illegible] by sending letters to [illegible] asking them to give attention to the subject, writing to superintendents of the general Sunday school lesson leaflets, offering, sending letters for the [illegible] and Quarterly Conference [illegible] the number of [illegible] and [illegible] speakers at the hearing. There could be interviews with the governor and other officials.

It was thought admirable for the Joint Committee to have a [illegible] conference [illegible] of the young Friends.

Date of General Committee Meeting

It was suggested that some day other than the second Wednesday each month might be better for the meeting of the General Committee of the New England Friends to consider [illegible] attendance at the time. The meeting was directed to make a canvass of the membership to

secretary which day was kept for the greatest number of members.

Japanese girl to be in this country

A letter was read from Pickett Bowles of Ohio, stating that a Japanese girl would arrive in New York about 10 minutes 15th & she will be at the Y.M.C.A. and it is hoped that we shall be able to entertain her & minister to her. If any could entertain her for a week or two pay her expenses, will they please communicate with Lawrence Minot Fowler, 16 Berkeley Street, Cambridge, Mass. It is expected funds will be raised for the board and travelling expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Blanche G. Goodland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
[illegible] 15, 1927.

The interim Friends Church Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 140 Cambridge Street, Boston, Eleventh Month 15, 1927 at 2 o'clock.

Present (10) [illegible] Jonathan, Walter F. Thomas, Walter H. Avery, Israel H. Mitchell, William H. Jones, Benjamin Gray, Henry C. Gray, Thomas Merrill Parker, Mary C. Simpson, Charles A. White, Mary C. Gray, [illegible] Thomas, Anna Charles West, Henry A. Gray, Maud M. Hill, Mary A. Thomas, [illegible], Blanche R. Howland.

[illegible]

Minutes The minutes of the last general Committee Meeting, held on the 8th, 1927 were approved as recorded.

Treasurer's Report The following report of Robert [illegible] was approved.

Financial Statement
October, 1927

Oct. 1 - Balance on hand		$406.65
Receipts		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila.	$300.00	
Interest Shawmut Bank	1.24	
	301.24	$707.89

Disbursements

[illegible]

[illegible]

Friends Center Account. $50.00 - 1/3 Rent
10.[illegible] - [illegible] Bank Bal.
41.66 - 1/3 Salary Sec. 101.66

437.[illegible]

Balance. November 1, 1927 - - - - - $ 270.49

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Transfer Account.

[illegible] forward the general Book of the Friends Service Committee during [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] [illegible] the Philadelphia office.

Blanche F. Hawkins Treasurer.

Report of Field Secretary

The Field Secretary reported that his work during the past month has been along two principal lines - education of capital punishment and peace activities.

Abolition of Capital Punishment.

There have been 2200 letters sent out to all the members in Massachusetts asking for their support on the subject and requesting them to bring the matter before their congregations. The office has been encouraged to find many on favor of such abolition.

Letters will soon be sent to all the members of the general body.

A Massachusetts Council for the abolition of the death penalty is now formed. There are many interested throughout the state.

The Field Secretary has taken [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Peace Activities.

The 200 [illegible] the Northern held a conference in Boston [illegible] with the Friends Benjamin Gerig [illegible] Boston [illegible] Philadelphia.

[illegible]

Portland recently resulting from a peace meeting addressed by [illegible] Mead. [illegible] the [illegible] had a [illegible] for [illegible] of the [illegible] Association of Boston. Benjamin Gerig attended this meeting and [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible].

The [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] military training for [illegible] High School.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is planning to start a campaign to raise money. They felt that this [illegible] should be brought personally before Friends in New England, but the suggestion was made that Benjamin Gerig might spend the next few months in the [illegible] Committee having personal interviews with Friends.

Contributions from New England

The contributions received at the Boston office since [illegible] amounted to [illegible]. This does not represent the full amount given by New England Friends, as various [illegible] were sent direct to Philadelphia. However, it is pleasant to see that the work of the Committee is [illegible] supported by Friends. They would be more interested [illegible] if they were [illegible] informed about what the Committee is doing.

[illegible] said that New England had always contributed through the Philadelphia office, but since the New England Branch had been organized the [illegible] have not about equalled the outlay for New England, as the [illegible] in Philadelphia [illegible] [illegible] for Friends, but [illegible] to support [illegible] support, [illegible] New England to contribute [illegible]

much again for the national and international work. There are branches now in New England, California and Indiana, but unless they are in that basis, [illegible] fiscal work is important, but it should be not a larger, broader service.

[illegible] was referred to the Executive Board, with power to [illegible] ways of [illegible].

[illegible] Chairman of the Finance Committee, [illegible] the Chairman of the general Committee [illegible] make a member ex-officio of the Finance Committee [illegible] his help is needed.
This was approved.

Literature Work. [illegible] the Boston office [illegible] of the pamphlets, "[illegible] Education [illegible]" is [illegible] Superintendents of Schools and Principals of High Schools through New England. This [illegible] interest and teaching of the different [illegible] over country.

[illegible] difficult to know how the pamphlets were received, but [illegible] to say that it [illegible] for some time [illegible] offices [illegible] friends, and one [illegible] Mrs Coffin to use in a [illegible].

Miss Thomas said he hoped we could also [illegible] Bird here, as she is a wonderful young [illegible] and would fit with any group. She is [illegible] terrace, and brings out their [illegible] side in a most interesting way. The [illegible]

[illegible] the latter part of their work or should
Wilbur Thomas advised us to set the date
now.
It was that Woodrow Wilson, President of Princeton
University, would probably come here if we could have
him.

[illegible]

The appeals to our country and their speakers were referred
to the Universal Service Committee.

Committee to Determine Day of Meeting of New England Branch

A motion was made of the members of the New
England Branch of the Service Committee to consider
what day it was best for holding the general Committee
Meeting. Monday has seemed best of the rest of the
Committee, and Wednesday seems to be convenient
for the visiting members.
The general Committee Meeting will therefore continue to
be held on the second Wednesday each month.

Permanent Director

Gentlemen Dang felt a place somewhere that we should
help on the Preparedness work in Concord; if any work
among the war prompt friends out of obscurity, we have
forgotten we should be ready now.
It was thought that the first time has the machine now
is so organized by each town that we could do
little help. However it was thought if the organization
and plans were available that there would be no
objection to a Friends' unit going from Boston to
work with the Red Cross.

The meeting adjourned at 4.15.

Alice [illegible]

Minutes of the Executive Board
Eighth Month 10th, 1927.

The Executive Board of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston on Eighth Month 10th, 1927, at 4 o'clock.

Present (7) Present - Stephen Pinkham, Henry A. Perry, Benjamin Gerig, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from William J. Thomas, Harvey C. Perry.

Program of the Field Secretary

It had been suggested that the Field Secretary should devote the next few months in visiting the Friends in New England, with the purpose of getting them more interested in the work of the Committee, so there would be better co-operation.

As it was felt to be very important to get the matter clearly before the Society as a background before we made any appeal for funds, it was decided that Benjamin Gerig should visit the different Monthly Meetings in New England and in many yearly people's groups as possible and present to them just what the Service Committee is trying to accomplish. The financial appeal would be made later.

Vermont Disaster.

Benjamin Gerig told of his trip to Vermont and of the distressing conditions he found there. The houses were in ruins, the furniture washed away and many were left destitute. He suggested that the Service Committee take from a list of the families in White River Junction and assist them individually.

It was decided that the matter should be left with the Fire Chief, in the hope that he might be able to arrange the matter satisfactorily with the parties concerned.

The meeting adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

Chairman of Committee.

Meeting of the General Committee
Twelfth Month 14th, 1927.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street Boston, Twelfth Month 14th, 1927 at 3 o'clock.

Present (12) Present – Stephen Cushmore, Wilbur K. Thomas, Anna J. Haines, Emily Greene Balch, Sarah W. Halliwell, Anna Wharton Ayres, Maud M. Hill, Benjamin Gerig, Mahlon W. Sugden, Alfred Townsend, Elsie P. Ingraham, Shandra K. Hartland, Mary A. Gove.

Regrets for absence were received from Charles H. White, Henry H. Perry, L. Hilton Thomas, Ruth E. Creed, Fredrika W. Parke

The meeting opened with a few moments of silence.

Minutes The minutes of the last general Committee meeting, held 11 Mo. 9th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. The following Treasurer's Report was read and approved –

Financial Statement

November 1927

Nov. 1 – Balance on hand		$270.49
Receipts.		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila	$300.00	
For Books &c	4.60	
Interest Shawmut Bank	1.18	
	305.78	$576.27
Disbursements		
Stenographer	40.00	
Traveling Expenses	9.33	
Printing	6.00	
Stationery	19.75	
Stamps	5.00	
1/3 Rent of Center	50.00	130.08

Balance December 1, '27 - $376.19

The items of this statement are on file at the office, 120 Boylston Street, and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account. The contributions toward the general Work of the American Friends Service Committee during November amounted to $306, and a check for the amount has been sent to the Philadelphia office.

Blanche F. Woodward, Treasurer

Wilbur K. Thomas & Emma J. Harper.

The minutes were read, showing Wilbur K. Thomas and Emma J. Harper present at the meeting. As they were obliged to leave early, the Chairman asked them to speak before the business of the day.

Wilbur Thomas spoke of the changes in some of the centers of Europe. The old quarters in Paris were inadequate, so they chose a new location near the Sorbonne, more fitted for the work. The meeting-house, with an entrance from the street, is like the Westtown Meeting.

The building will be $[illegible] attractive; $[illegible] of which must be raised outside the regular Paris budget.

At Berlin the Center is enlarged by another room, which is used for reading, social and club purposes.

The hostel committee at Geneva have been considering the addition of another room.

The Hostel at Geneva is not full, and there may be a vacant bed this year. Bertram and Irene Pickard helped to keep it alive, but there are only three American girls there and no English Friends.

The Geneva Scholarship Fund will send one or two, who are

teachers of Friends in Friends secondary schools or colleges. Two scholarships have been given for the best essays from Second Month to Ninth Month 1926 and another has been given for the Eighth Month for the fall year.

There has been become vacant for the Model in Japan, and Yearly Meeting in Philadelphia elected a Model in Connection with the University, whereby two better places were set open. Three people have been seen there. The Missionary Society has appealed to the Service Committee to find a young man and his wife for the place.

Harold Peterson, who is connected with the Y.M.C.A. in India requests that one or two young Friends be found, who would go into the work in India and carry the Quaker message to the Y. and to the other secretaries. Milton Thomas feels that this was one of the openings that should be used to spread Quakerism in an effective way.

In this country, the chief work of the Service Committee has been along Peace lines. The Peace Association of Friends in America, which was started after the Civil War, has continued to publish the paper "The Messenger of Peace". Now it has been consolidated with Thomas R. Kelly as Chairman and Milton G. Thomas as Secretary, and will be linked with the work of the Democratic Friends Service Committee. Beginning Eleventh Month 1926 they will publish an eight-page supplement to the Democratic Friend. John Mott, the editor, will be in the office of the Service Committee.

The Peace Meetings were a great success, and plans are being made for the meeting of young people next summer.

The Council of the Service Committee in Washington Conference has been organized, and on the first Friday all groups of Friends there are invited in the work. They have a budget of Seven Hundred Dollars for their own expenses and Twenty for the work of the national committee. Mary Hoxworth will act as Secretary.

Miss Haines said the plan for work in Russia was about the same as she had outlined to us before. The material relief work was not needed any more, but they are sorely in need of well trained nurses. They have medical schools, but the scheme of district nursing is non-existent. Friends have the promise of the government to start a nurses' training school, and they are the first and only foreign organization that has been allowed to work in any educational way since the Revolution.

The funding in Moscow that the government has offered them has no dormitories and will have to be fixed over.

The school would cost for four years, and at the end of that time the Government would take the work over and make it a part of its educational system.

The whole project for the five years would cost $300,000. But we can say to Congress that the actual cost per capita which they reckon at $750 for food, uniforms and salaries, is less than in this country where it averages $1,000 a month.

The Executive Board feel that there should be $100,000 in hand before they put out it. They actually have $50,000; $25,000 from an interested person in this country and $25,000 guaranteed by the English Friends. The other half must be raised by about March 15, so there is no time to be lost. Should the school in the way of organizing the work, beginning operations in the Ukraine and getting the promised concession from the government.

It does not look very encouraging yet, although it would be a very fine piece of work to do to carry through. Perhaps these workers would have more than was accomplished by the relief work among the poor, but people don't see it.

Miss Haines said that the future offered great possibilities for good in Russia and would render a great service from an

international viewpoint to the exclusion of local feeling. The men in Russia think that religion is a way of life: religion is a dogma with them, and the way of life is something very different. This would be the finest possible piece of missionary work.

Report of Field Secretary.

The Field Secretary gave the following report of the work during the past month:—

Monthly Report of Field Secretary.—Dec. 13, 1921.

Peace.

(1) Exemption for Baron Ikeda's Envoy from Military Training. The letter addressed to the Political Committee was placed in their agenda but was not acted on at the last meeting. Meanwhile, Mr. Ikeda's envoy had agreed that his son take drill until the exemption was made in due form. The delay of the Committee in acting has been called to the attention of one of the members, Mr. Barger, whose sympathies are wholly with us. He says he is confident that action will be taken on Thursday. If an unconditional exemption is not given it may be necessary to make a test case out of it and resort to legal action.

(2) Study Questions for Yearly Meeting and Groups. We have prepared four such studies, on Arbitration and Mediation, Disarmament. These studies will deal with Friends Centres in Europe, Work of the League and Court, Individual Resistance and Objection to Conscription, Forms and Methods of Alternative Service, &c.

Pamphlet materials accompany each study and the cost of each will not exceed 25¢.

(3) Several meetings were addressed on various aspects of Peace.

Abolition of Death Penalty.

(1) Letters to Members. Replies were received from about 150 organizations. Three-fourths of the replies are for Abolition. Of our segment, have sense is now

for more information. The interest in this question is very lively.

(2) Poll of Members of the general Court. Some have not been at all satisfactory. Twenty members have replied to date. About half of these are with us. The information collected so far gives an opening for further action. No recorded vote has been taken on this subject in recent years.

(3) Plan. Council for Abolition of the Death Penalty. A meeting under our Auspices early Wednesday morning at the Friends Center. A strong Committee of Citizens has gotten behind the movement. Henry Perry and Dr. Richard Cabot have jointly drafted a letter which was addressed to 1000 interested persons, stating the purpose and plans of the Council. Without [illegible] scale, [illegible] to [illegible] in giving [illegible] time service to the Committee as Joint Secretary.

(4) Handbook on Death Penalty. Several of us have compiled a useful handbook for speakers and workers. This will contain about 50 pages, and covers almost every aspect of the subject.

(5) A number of meetings have been addressed on this subject, among them a Symphony Hall meeting on Sheriff Warden's Laws.

Friends Monthly Meeting appointments.

Letters were addressed to Clerks of Monthly Meetings, asking for an opportunity to present our D.F.S.C. work. - Such appointments have already been made and others are forming.

Alfred Lowry to be in America

Alfred Lowry from the Friends Center in Paris will arrive in this country on First Month 26th, and will be open to speaking engagements around Boston on the Second Month 9th, when he meets in White Plains.

Crystal Bird. Crystal Bird will be in New England in Fourth Month. It has been suggested that a minute minister should be at the same time and have an Interracial Conference.

This was referred to the Interracial Committee.

All-Friends Conference It was thought wise to have another All-Friends Conference in Fourth Month, which matter will be considered next month.

Report of Interracial Committee The Interracial Committee reported that they had arranged for at the Friends Center on the 18th of this month, and asked Commissioner Brown to speak about his work at the Street Mission Training School in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mrs. Arthur Perry is arranging another meeting for them at her home on the morning of the 15th. Commissioner Brown is very busy and in the schools, and his talks do much to interest children in the Negroes.

Adjournment After a few minutes of silence, the meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Blanche B. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
First Month 11th, 1928.

The American [illegible]
Boston, First Month 11th, 1928 at 3 o'clock.

Present [illegible]

[illegible] Alexander C. Purdy, Emily G. Balch, Wilbur K. Thomas, [illegible], [illegible] Whitman, Katie E. Jacob.

[illegible]

Minutes [illegible]

Treasurer's Report. [illegible]

[illegible]

Receipts

American Friends Service Com., Phila. 700.00 $1076.17

Disbursements.

Stenographer	40.00
[illegible]	[illegible]
Postage	33.25
[illegible]	1.23
[illegible]	3.50
[illegible]	10.00
[illegible]	[illegible]

Friends Center { To Rent for January 50.00
To Salary Secretary & Asst. Sec. -- 83.32
Telephone, 2 Bills 20.72
Electricity, Gas, Water, & Misc. 1.74

946.26

Balance January 1, 1928 - - - - $ 129.93

The items of this statement are on file at the office, as Treasurer, & may be seen at any time.

Jewish Account. The contributions toward the general Work of the American Friends Service Committee during December amounted to $156 and a check for the amount has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche F. Haviland, Treasurer.

Report of Field Secretary. The Field Secretary gave the following report of his work during the last month -

1.- Appropriate from military training was granted finally by the Boston School Committee & Thomas Higginbotham. This established a valuable precedent in the interpretation of Section 3 of article 21 of the general laws in regard to exemptions to individuals who are not members of well recognized sects opposed to war "but who are themselves conscientious opposed."

2.- Mr. Bangs, a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology has asked our assistance on a similar appeal. We are making inquiry as to his status under Massachusetts laws.

3.- Several addresses on international relations were given and the regular ministrations of the Fellowship at the Center.

A.F.S.C. Presented in Friends Meetings

1.- Letters were sent to the clerks of Friends Monthly Meetings asked by Stephen Pickering, Chairman, and asking for an opportunity to present our aims

and our work. Four replies were received, resulting in the appointments one personal refusal, and one invitation concerning a previous engagement for Walter Thornton to speak. The two meetings held at Fall River and Lawrence were very satisfactory and a number invitations were extended to Lucy Stone & Hugh Pleasants in consequence. They also expressed a desire to co-operate more fully in our joint work.

2.- A schedule of speaking engagements has been arranged for Alfred Lowry by the Paris Center committee to be in New England from January 27 to February 3.- He will speak in Providence, Boston, Lynn, Portland, Worcester, New Bedford, Dorchester and Hartford and on some of these places several times.

3.- Crystal Bird's itinerary for April is beginning to take shape.

Resolutions of Capital Importance.

1.- The educational handbook which we have contemplated before is now in the hands of the printer. The book appealed so much to Mr. Williams Floyd of New York that he has agreed to pay the expense of printing 10,000 copies. It will appear in a week or ten days.

2.- Appropriate bills have been introduced in the General Court, House Bill # 51 introduced by Representative Pratt - Republican, calls for abolition. Senate Bill # 5 by request of Mr. C. F. Nelson Pratt of the State House, a letter from State Senator Walter Shurtleff of Lowell (Republican) who is Chairman of the Joint Judiciary Committee which will conduct the hearing, states he is strong for abolition.

3.- Weekly meetings of the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty continue to be held at our office.

4. To present the representation on the subject have been received from the Philadelphia Friends and the A.F.U.C. National Office.

There seems to be wide-spread interest in the matter of the Abolition of Capital Punishment and it seems to look as if there was a possibility of having it incorporated in the law of Massachusetts.

The educational handbook on this subject will be published under the auspices of the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty.

At this time there have been few replies to the letters sent to the clerks of the Monthly Meetings, as it was thought wise to send out another letter.

Report of Interracial Committee

The Interracial Committee reported that they had held a meeting and considered various matters. They have two fruitful openings opened to them in the Employ of Crystal Bird, both in the schools and the Henry Morrison Christian Association. They considered it wise to have an Interracial Conference for one day in connection with the All New England Friends Conference with Crystal Bird for the evening meeting.

All New England Friends Conference.

It was decided to have an All New England Friends Conference of two days in some Friday and Saturday in Fourth Month when Regular Forces could attend. This was to be carried on in close connection with the Interracial Committee.

The following committee was appointed to serve as the All New England Friends Conference Committee, with an understanding with the Interracial Committee would work out the details of the Conference. –

Benjamin Gerig – Chairman
C. Hurford Coleman for Maitland

Notified 1-13-28

Francis E. H. Whedon from Worcester
Phillips Bradley from Amherst
Frances E. Wheeler from Providence
Sylvia A. Perry from Westerly
Alice P. Ingraham from Cambridge
A. Ford Townsend from Boston.

It would be impossible for the entire committee to meet often but they could stimulate interest in their various communities and work up ideas for the conference.

Notified Henry Perry 1-13-28

The financial part of the conference is turned over to the Finance Committee.

Plans of Field Secretary

Benjamin Perry told of some "Reconciliation trips" that Mr. Hovey was getting up here in Boston and it was suggested that the American Friends Service Committee sponsor the trip to the Negroes in Oklahoma, second week in Mar. & the people will conduct similar trips to the Indians, Chinese, Mexicans.
There would be little financial risk, as there are generally 80 to 100 go on such trips and each person pays 50¢ which should cover all the expense.

It was decided that the Committee should be responsible for carrying through this Negro trip.

The Field Secretary feels that he must devote a large part of his time on the next two weeks to the Death Penalty Bill; speaking, being at the State House getting people to attend hearings, etc.
The hearings will probably be early in February.

He already has eight bookings for these talks.

Inviting Interested People to Com. meetings.

It was decided to hereafter invite all who are interested to the meetings of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee.

Chairman of Geol Sect & Field Sec. Members Ex Officio of Standing Committees

It was agreed that the Chairman of the General Committee and the Field Secretary should be considered members ex officio of all standing committees of the New England Association of Geologists.

Adjournment. After a few minutes of silence, the meeting adjourned at 4:40.

Blanche G. Woodland, Secretary.

Meeting of the general committee
Second Month 8th, 1928.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch, met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Second Month 8th, 1928 at 3 o'clock

Present (15) Present. Stephen Pushmore, Benjamin Gerig, Phebe Perry, Mary E. Dugan, Arthur M. Huxley, Harvey C. Perry, C. Rene Townsend, Mary Q. Gove, Hattie E. Jacob, Emily G. Balch, Maud M. Hill, Lenora Prescott, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Henry, Blanche F. Hoadland.

Regrets for absence were received from Carol M. Hathaway, C. Gladstone Thomas, Charles G. White, Anna Wharton Hood, Walter G. Thomas, Eric C. Sampson, Henry H. Perry.

Minutes The Minutes of the last general committee meeting, held 1 Mo. 11th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. The following Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Financial Statement
January 1928.

Jan. 1 - Balance on hand		$129.93
Receipts.		
American Friends Service Com. Mtl.	400.00	
Contributions for Abolition Death Penalty	1.00	
Money sent for personal subscription to The News Bulletin of League of Nations	1.00	
	402.00	
		$531.93
Disbursements.		
Mass. Council for Abolition of Death Penalty	1.00	
League of Nations Non-Partisan (In Subscription)	1.00	
Pamphlets from World Peace Foundation and National Council for Prevention of War	4.00	
Supplies	3.46	
Telegrams	3.11	

Rental Typewriter for 4 Months	9.00
Traveling Expenses Field Secretary	5.00
Stenographer	38.00
Salary Field Secretary	250.00
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent	50.00
Friends Center. 1/3 Salary Secretary	41.66
	406.37
Balance February 1, 1928	$125.56

The items of this statement are on file at the office, and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account. The contributions forward the general work of the American Friends Service Committee during January 1928 amounted to $369, and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treasurer.

Report of Field Secretary. The report of the Field Secretary for the month ending February 8th 1928 was as follows –

On the Death Penalty

The pamphlet has been printed and circulated over the state. The hearing on the bill to abolish capital punishment occurred before the Joint Judiciary Committee today. The Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty will shortly have a general meeting of the entire Council to determine if there is enough interest in the subject to carry on into an educational campaign or if the committee shall disband now that the hearing is over.

We have had numerous requests for addresses on this subject including during the past month The Woburn Men's Club, Friends Quarterly Meeting, Cambridge Professors Club etc.

Reconciliation Trip to New Castle.

This trip has been arranged and advertised by distributing 2000 bulletins and posters. It will occur on Seventh Day afternoon, the 11th, and a large attendance is expected. Samuel R. Allen of the Urban League has cooperated most helpfully.

Alfred Lowry arrived and filled his engagements in Worcester, Portland, Lynn, Boston, New Bedford and Providence. His boat arrived late and the illness of his aunt caused him to go on to Philadelphia sooner than he had planned. His message was very well received everywhere.

Crystal Bird's schedule is being filled as fast as possible and her time spent in New England promises to be well taken up.

Conference Plans are going forward with the date set for Fourth Month 20-21. The Committee members are asked to prepare suggested programs and a meeting of the Committee will shortly be held.

Emergency Committee on the Big Navy Bill has been formed to meet the critical situation. A strong committee of citizens have united to protest the program and after some reluctance the Field Secretary consented for a month to be the Directing Secretary of the Emergency Committee, half of his salary being paid to the A.F.S.C. for his services.

This work is entirely in line with our work, and simply means that other agencies are joined all through which to work. It is planned to cause a flood of letters of protest to pour into

Washington with the hope of preventing the passage of such an unfortunate program. We have gotten out thousands of bulletins, folders and fliers and are working through the churches, granges, womens clubs, peace societies, etc, etc., urging everyone to write.

In this connection we are now circularizing the 1000 Friends who are on our mailing list in New England. In this letter we are enclosing an excellent little pamphlet issued by Kay Newton of the Philadelphia office

The usual Peace Addresses continue to be given.

(Signed) Benjamin Ferg.

All New England Friends Conference.

The All New England Friends Conference will be held on Fourth Month 20-21st in Boston. The headquarters will be at Unity House in Park Square.

The persons suggested as members of the Conference Committee have consented to serve with the exception of Frances E. Wheeler, who was much interested but unable to attend to it. Philip C. Gifford has agreed to be the representative from Providence on the Committee.

The Conference Committee will be glad to have any suggestions in regard to the Conference.

Greensboro, N.C. Interracial Conference.

A letter was read from Walter K. Thomas, stating that the Washington Conference last Second Month, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee for discussion of the Interracial problem, was of so much value that they have planned to have another one this year.

The Interracial Committee of North Carolina Yearly Meeting has invited the American Friends Service Committee to hold the conference in Greensboro, North Carolina on Third Month 9th & 10th.
This will be a splendid opportunity to come in close contact with the life and the thought of the South.

If any can make it possible to attend, will they please notify the Secretary of the New England Branch of the Service Committee?

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Blanche G. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Third Month 14th, 1928

The American Friends Service Committee New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Third Month 14th, 1928 at 3 o'clock.

Present. (2) Present: Stephen Pushmore, William M. Jackson, Sarah W. Hallowell, Benjamin Gerig, E. Gladys Thomas, Anna Wharton Wood, Mary A. Ayer, Maud M. Hill, Louisa Prescott, Gertrude F. Smith, Laura M. Oakley, Blanche H. Hubland.

Regrets in absence were received from Willard E. Swift, Wilbur K. Thomas, Lyndon H. LaRouche, Hattie E. Jacob, Elsie P. Ingraham, Mary A. Townsend, E. Gertrude Fox and Eleanor Mead Whitman.

Minutes The minutes of the last General Committee Meeting, held 2 Mo. 8th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer gave a very brief report of the finances of the New England Branch for Second Month. The details of this report are as follows—

Financial Statement
February 1928

Feb. 1. Balance on hand		$125.56
Receipts.		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Mass.	$200.00	
Emergency Com. re Big Navy Bill	1.05	
Negro Reconciliation Sup.	28.49	
Contributions re Negro Sup. Transfer	5.00	
Cards and Pamphlets	4.90	
Contribution for Mailing Expenses	1.00	
Interest at Shawmut Bank	1.19	
	242.63	$368.19

Disbursements.

Stenographer	$ 40.00
Telephone Telegraph Electricity	8.27
Supplies	38.00
Pamphlets	3.00
Post Expense of Negro Trip	11.70
Transfer Account of Negro Trip	4.13
Petty Cash	10.00
1/3 Rent of Suites for March 1928	50.00
1/3 Salary of Secretaries Feb. 1928	41.66
Salary Field Secretary February	250.00
Advanced on Traveling Expense Field Sec.	20.00
	478.33
Balance March 1, 1928	$ 89.46

All the details of this statement are on file at the office, and may be seen at any time.

Border Account. The contributions toward the general work of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch during February 1928 amounted to $150.00 and a check for the same was been sent to Phila.

(Signed) Blanche H. Haviland, Treas.

Report of Field Secretary. The Field Secretary gave a report of activities during the past month.

Negro Reconciliation Trip.

On Feb. 11th, the New England Branch of the Service Committee carried through a Negro Reconciliation trip. There were 53 on the trip, and all considered it most worth-while.

They visited a Negro Co-operative Bank which is proud to not having a single foreclosure in its 15 years. They have been in existence speaks well for the colored people.

Matthew W. Bullock, a leading lawyer and one of

three on the Board of Parole in Massachusetts, gave a fine talk on "The Negro's Contribution."
In the evening, Frank B. Rosewater told about the conditions under which the Sleeping Car Porters worked.
The Negroes felt pleased that the party visited them and they were anxious to tell about their work.

Capital Punishment.

Benjamin Gerig had spoken in this subject in many places.
One day was spent at the hearing at the State House, when the vote of the Judiciary Joint Committee was four out of the eleven in favor of abolition of the Death Penalty, including Ex-Governor.
There is no chance of its going through this year, but it looks more encouraging.
Representative Pratt has called for a record vote in the House, so it will be known who are for and who are against the Bill.
Last Saturday there was a meeting of the Advisory Council of the Massachusetts Committee ~~Committee~~ to Abolish the Death Penalty. George W. Kirchway from New York was present. He was formerly warden of Sing Sing, but now is interested in all social work and is on the National Committee against Capital Punishment. He felt that each state should organize a committee. The measure should not be forced, but work should be carried on in other ways, forming public opinion, talk and show on the subject. After three or four years of educational work, something may be accomplished. We believe we should not be satisfied with anything short of complete abolition.
There were 45 present at the meeting, and $500 was raised.

Ben Gerig was in Hartford and spoke in Capital Punishment. Now they have formed there a special committee working for Abolition, and the matter will be brought up in the Hartford Legislature.
The Field Secretary has spoken on this subject over the Radio from the Centre American Station. He has had articles published in the Congregational paper, "The Adult Bible Class Magazine" and in "Zion's Herald".

Big Navy Bill. During the last month, the Field Secretary has given half his time to the Big Navy Bill. He has sent out 5000 to 10,000 postcards. Other organizations have been working too. There was a temporary lull as many thought the reduction was a victory, but Frederick Libby has written urging every one to keep on working. The last week there has been more work again, circularizing groups and asking everybody to write letters to Washington.

Crystal Wind. Crystal Wind will be in New England during April Month. The program is arranged for her in short as full as she can stand, for she is not strong.

Amherst Group. Benjamin Gerig spoke at the Sunday meeting of the Amherst group of Friends held at Northampton. There were about 20 present. Philip Bradley and George Taylor are doing fine work among the students in the colleges.

Military Training. The case was brought up of the young man at Massachusetts Institute of Technology who is refusing to take the

military training which is compulsory there. If he continued to take this stand it is likely that he will not be allowed to remain at the Institute. Some think we shouldn't interfere, as Technology is within its right in trying to over such conditions but been going best we should visit the President of Technology and state our views. It was decided that nothing should be done until Technology takes some further action.

New England Friends Conference. Dr. Fulmore outlined the tentative program that the committee had worked out for the New England Friends Conference to be held in Boston 19 Month 20-21, under the auspices of the New England Branch of the Service Committee.

On Friday, the 20th, there will be a general consideration of the problems of the Society of Friends in relation to the world in which we live, followed by specific instances, like Fellowship with Nicaragua and International Fellowship.
In the evening, there will be a talk by Crystal Bird, one of the leaders of the colored race Friday.

On the second day of the Conference, Saturday the 21st the subject will be Peace. What is the duty of Friends in relation to the State? Should we stand off on conscience? To what extent is peace desirable and practicable?
On Saturday evening, Rufus M. Jones will speak at a public meeting on what is subject he thinks desirable for the closing of such a conference.

The committee will be very glad to receive any suggestions in the program.-

Thomas was approved that Conference meeting should

be held at Old South instead of at Trinity House. The place where the meetings will be held will be decided later by the committee.

Finance Committee 3-17-1913

The matter of the expense of the Conference was referred to the Finance Committee and hope was expressed that the necessary money could be raised before the Conference.

Interracial Conference at Greensboro, N.C.

We were not able to send any delegates to the Interracial Conference held at Greensboro, North Carolina 3 mo. 9th and 10th, and no report of the conference has yet been received.

Future Plans of Field Secretary.

The Field Secretary said he would be busy for about two weeks more in the work of the Maryland. He would also work out the details of the Conference next month and arrange for the schedule and entertainment of Crystal Bird.

Dr. C. Telford Erickson for Albania.

The Chairman spoke of Dr. C. Telford Erickson, Founder and Director of a school of agriculture in Albania who is now in this country. He gave a very interesting lecture, and it available if there are any opportunities for him to present the subject.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:15

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board
Third Month 21st, 1928.

The Executive Board of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston on Third Month 21st, 1928, at 4 o'clock.

Present. (5) Present: Stephen Rushmore, William M. Dugan, Mary E. Fox, Henry H. Perry, Blanche H. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Thomas Wood and Arthur K. Thomas.

Minutes The minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting, held 11 Month 18th, 1927, were approved as circulated.

Plans of Field Secretary. There was read the letter from Benjamin Gerig, of Third Month 21, 1928 expressing his desire to be at Geneva next year for the purpose of study. After considering the matter from every point of view, the members of the Board expressed themselves as satisfied that Benjamin Gerig should withdraw from the work of Field Secretary of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee at the end of this year, (Ninth Month 30, 1928) and concurred with the view expressed in his letter that his withdrawal should be made without any obligation on himself or on the Committee in regard to the future. The members of the Board expressed themselves as being highly appreciative of his devoted and inspiring efforts and of what he has been able to accomplish in the past two years and wish for him continued success in his year of study and whatever else he may undertake.

Future Plans for New Eng. Branch. The Board felt that it was not in a position to make any recommendation immediately as to

procedure for carrying on the work and will take further counsel with Wilbur Thomas as well as with the members of the General Committee.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:20

Blanche F. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Fourth Month 11th, 1928.

The American Friends Service Committee New England Branch met at the Friends Center 120 Boylston Street, Boston Fourth Month 11th, 1928 at 3 o'clock.

Present (11) Present. Stephen Cushmore, Sarah M. Hallowell, E. Fulton Thomas, Benjamin Gerig, Anna Martin Wood, Alice F. Graham, Mary A. Gove Nourse, Merritt Parker, Arthur M. Hussey, Louisa Prescott, Blanche H. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Hattie S. Jones, Charles H. White, S. Paul Swensen.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting, held 3 Mo. 14th, 1928 were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer gave a brief report of the finances of the New England Branch for Third Month. The items of this statement are as follows -

Financial Statement
March 1928

March 1. Balance on hand		$ 89.86
Receipts		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila.	$ 400.00	
Emergency Com. on Big Navy Bill		
Half Ben Gerig's Salary for February	125.00	
Advertising Expense Field Secretary	9.14	
Contributions for N. E. Friends Conference	3.00	
Telegrams	7.34	
Pamphlets	2.20	
Interest at Shawmut Bank	.99	
	547.67	$ 637.53

Disbursements.

Salary Field Secretary	$ 500.00
Stenographer	31.50

1/3 Rent of Center	50.00
1/3 Salary of Secretary	41.66
Supplies	59.40
Telephone, Telegraph, Electricity	9.57
Printing	1.25
Pamphlets	2.90
Part Expense of Negro Chap.	5.00
	$465.75
Balance April 2, 1928	$171.78

The details of this statement are on file at the office, and may be seen at any time.

Transfer account

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during March amounted to $476.58, of which $12.38 was for Mexico Relief. Checks covering the full amount have been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche F. Howland, Treasurer.

Report of Field Secretary.

The Field Secretary gave a report of activities during the last month.

New England Friends Conference.

The plans for the Conference are working out satisfactorily. The printed programs have been sent to workers in different meetings for distribution and notices have appeared in the three Friends' papers. The Committee decided that at Crystal Bird's meeting we should have a negro male quartette who would sing spirituals.

1000 cards have been sent out announcing Rufus Jones' meeting in the Old South Meeting House, and there will also be special publicity in the Boston papers.

The matter of having lunch at the Cafeteria in the Unity House and the matter of inviting the colored people of Boston to the meeting were referred to the Conference Committee.

The cost of the Conference is estimated at $250. A letter regarding this cost was sent out by the Chairman of the General Committee and the result has been that contributions in this purpose have been received amounting to $157.00.
It is hoped that the entire amount of expense will be in hand before the Conference.

Crystal Bird's schedule has been arranged for speaking in New England this month. She is at Smith College, Mt. Holyoke and Hartford this week, and at Olympic Society and the New England Friends Conference next week.

Capital Punishment.
The Mass. Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty has decided to organize local groups throughout Massachusetts by counties to influence the members of the General Court in their districts.
The Ways and Means Committee had a meeting and thought it would be well to have the member part devoted half going to the state and half to the local work.
The Committee must appoint another Chairman as Benjamin Gerig will soon go away.

Benjamin Gerig's Resignation as Field Secretary.

Dr. Fuchmore gave a report of the meeting of the Executive Board in Chicago Month when a letter was read from Benjamin Gerig in which he expressed his desire to withdraw from his position as Field Secretary of the New England Branch of the Service Committee and to go abroad for a year's study.

This proposition was considered from two standpoints -
1.- The financial condition of the New England work.
So far, the amount that is spent in New England

is about the same as the amount contributed by New England, leaving no margin for the work abroad, in which all are so much interested. For this reason, the Field Secretary thought it was timely to present his plan of studying in Japan, which he has had in mind for some time.

2.- Whether the work is in the stage where it would be seriously injured by such a change.

The Executive Board recognized this danger, but did not feel it was right to keep Brightman going to give up his plans, so agreed that they were satisfied for him to withdraw with no obligation on himself or on the Committee.

The Committee expressed great appreciation of the work that had been done by the Field Secretary and the Secretary was asked to draw up a suitable minute.

The minute was not read at the meeting, and is as follows -

The Committee hereby records its high appreciation of the work of Brightman Pong in the last two years as Field Secretary, and wishes and bears waiting the American Friends Foreign Committee in the promotion of good will and in forwarding the cause of peace. His intelligent effort, comprehensive understanding and untiring zeal will be greatly missed, and we pray God he may have opportunities with the lively interest of the Committee in his future work and with their earnest desire for his continued success.

Future Plans for the New England Branch

Dr. Rushmore continued to report that at the same meeting of the Executive Board, the future plans of the New England Board of the Service Committee were considered but it was decided that we were not in a position to make a definite decision at this time.

There are two courses open —

1.- To go on without any Field Secretary

This would mean reorganizing and strengthening the four sections of the work, with sectional chairmen who would carry on the activities. This would mean more activity on the part of members of the Committee, and it would be difficult to find people who could take on more work.

2. To secure some Friend, in or out of New England, who would act as Field Secretary for one, two or three years.

This position of Field Secretary might be a temporary one which young Friends could fill for a few years, until larger opportunities opened up for them.

It was thought by some of the Committee that the plan of getting along without a Field Secretary might be very good for the members of the Committee but it was a question whether it was good for the work.

The Chairman said he wished the members would let him know any thoughts on the subject, as he was desirous of getting all the information possible before any decision was made.

Interracial Conference at Greensboro, N.C.

A full report of the Interracial Conference held at Greensboro, N.C. Third Month 9th and 10th, was given in the three Friends' Journals.

The attendances were not large but it was felt that the purpose of the Conference was accomplished in creating a better understanding of the problems of Southern Friends and in promoting a closer fellowship with them.

Plans of Field Secretary

Benjamin Gerig suggested that he might spend Fifth Month in travelling around with James Carey to the different meetings in Northland. James Carey would give the telephone message and Benjamin Gerig would tell about the

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work of the American Friends Service Committee.

The meeting approved of this plan.

He would also organize work in the different counties of Massachusetts against Capital Punishment.

A New England Peace Caravan.

A letter was read from Ray Newton, Secretary of the Peace Section of the Service Committee in Philadelphia, stating that the New Hampshire Peace Society was interested in having New England support a peace caravan that should work in New England.
A letter also was read from the Secretary of the New Hampshire Peace Society, stating that they would like to work with us on this project and they felt that they could finance the team for about two weeks.

Last summer the caravans went out for ten weeks at a cost of about $475 for each team.

The Committee favored the plan of having a Peace Caravan working in New England and supported by New England, but felt that they could not then state specifically how much could be given by this group.

Write H. Vaughan Brown 4-12-28 5-3-28 (done)

The Secretary was asked to write the President of the Young Friends Board of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, and ascertain to what extent they would be interested to assist in the project.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Blanche R. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee.
Fifth Month 10th, 1928.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston Fifth Month 10th, 1928 at 3 o'clock.

Present (12) Present Stephen Rushmore, Wilbur F. Thomas, Benjamin Gerig, Louise Merritt Parker, Hattie E. Jacob, Mabel M. Hill, Henry H. Perry, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Mary C. Townsend, Laura M. Oakley, C. Paul Townsend, Blanche F. Hartwell.

Regrets for absence were received from Sarah W. Hallowell, Dorothy Wharton Wood and Rachel Conrad Mason.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting, held Fourth Month 11th, 1928, were approved as circulated, with the following change - In the paragraph under the report of the Field Secretary concerning Capital Punishment, it said "The Committee on Capital Punishment has decided to organize local groups" &c. This was changed to the following -
"Capital Punishment. The Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty has decided to organize local groups" &c.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer gave a brief report of the finances of the New England Branch for Fourth Month. The items of this report are as follows -

Cash as of Statement
April 1928.

April 2 - Balance on hand		$171.98
Receipts.		
Am. Friends Service Com., Phila	$275.00	
Society of Friends. Joint Account For Stencils & Telegrams	6.22	
Contributions N.E. Friends Conference	294.00	
Interest at Natl Shawmut Bank	.87	
	576.09	$747.87

Disbursements.

	$
Salary Field Secretary	250.00
Stenographer	48.75
1/3 Rent of Center	50.00
1/3 Salary of Secretary	41.66
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	6.69
Supplies. (Carbon Paper)	2.25
Part of Expenses of N. E. Friends Conference	173.00
	572.35
Balance May 1, 1928	175.52

The details of this statement are on file at the office, and may be seen at any time.

Friends Account. The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during April 1928 amounted to $178.50 and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche G. Hartland, Treasurer.

Financial Statement of N.E. Friends Conference.

The Treasurer gave the following financial statement of the New England Friends Conference, held in Boston Fourth Month 20-21, 1928.

Contributions for the Conference ..... $ 333.50

Expenses of the Conference.

	$
Printing and Postage	55.79
Advertising	49.00
Quartette	25.00
Traveling Expenses	41.50
Halls	100.00
Extra Help in Office	8.00
	279.29
	54.21 Surplus.

All bills have come in and have been paid.

The Committee considered the question of what should be done with the balance of $54.21. As the money was contributed for the purpose of a conference, it was decided to put the surplus in a Savings Bank until such time as it might be needed for a later conference.

Report of Field Secretary. The Field Secretary reported that he had been busy Fourth Month in arranging the itinerary of Bryant Pike. He has spoken twenty-five times in New England.

Much time has been spent in making plans for the New England Friends Conference Fourth Month 20-21.

There had been quite a little to do as Chairman of the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty. The Secretary of the Council has gone away, so he has taken care of the work. The meetings are held each month at the Center.
The Massachusetts Council is now arranging two conferences for Dr. Kirchway, - one in Springfield, being in the western part of the state, and one in Boston for the eastern part of the state.

There have been many details to plan for the Youth Retreat on Fifth Month 12-13. This is under the auspices of the Fellowship of Youth for Peace.

Benjamin Gerig has given two lectures before the Penal institutions on peace subjects, and spoken before the Unitarian Alliance and student groups.

He has been Chairman of the committee in charge of the Peace Week Meetings in Boston.

New England Friends Conference. Benjamin Gerig said he felt that the New England Friends Conference, held Fourth Month 20-21, was more of a success than the one held last year. There seemed to be much interest and the discussions were very good.

The Chairman asked for suggestions for a future conference, two several were given which will be very valuable another time.

New England Peace Caravan.

From correspondence with Mary Newton, Secretary of the Peace Section of the Service Committee we find that it would need about $600 for a New England caravan.

Mary W. Chase, Secretary of the New Hampshire Peace Society, thinks they will be able to raise about $100.

Amy Thorpe of Mt. Holyoke has written that they have five fine girls there who are ready to go out, if it can be financed.

H. Vardie Brown, President of the Young Friends Board to Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, thinks young Friends would want to help, but it will take some time to consult with the various members, as there will be no meeting until Yearly Meeting time.

Mildred Thomas felt that the caravans last year had accomplished much for Peace, and he wished they could send out many more teams this summer. He has investigated the several districts where the caravans had worked and the results were most satisfactory.
One of the best things about the work is the impression it makes on themselves. Several of those who went out last year are now speaking in Peace in places near the colleges they attend.
The training began several weeks ago and the workers are receiving material and studying for the summer.
Last year the teams started out after a five days conference, where they talk everything over and get final help and instruction.
They are in the field ten weeks and spend afternoons and evenings in speaking.

It was thought by the Committee that it might be well to appeal to all those who are interested, - Friends and Non-Friends, - for contributions, and start a New England team if it is possible.

Plans of Field Secretary

Benjamin Greig and James Carey from Iowa are planning to start on an automobile trip on the 7th, to visit some of the meetings in New England. They will go to New Bedford, Fall River, Allen's Neck, Smith's Neck and Capital Village next week and to Worcester, Boston and Worcester the week after, and then into Maine.

The Field Secretary asked the Committee to consider two enterprises in which we are interested -

The work against Capital Punishment. He has been Chairman of the Massachusetts Council for the abolition of the Death Penalty, and he wondered if any other member of the Committee would be willing to take his place and so tie the work up with some office.

Benjamin Greig is also Chairman of the committee in charge of the Reconciliation trip around Boston, and he wishes that one of our members would continue to carry on the work through our office. There have been four trips this year, with 50 to 70 persons attending the different ones. Each person pays 50¢ for a trip, and from that income there is now a balance of $43.48 in the treasury.

These matters were left until we should work out more fully the plans for the New England Branch.

Plans for Indiana Board

The Conference outlined the two plans for the New England Branch that were suggested at the last meeting - either to secure a new Field Secretary or to get along without a Field Secretary and have strong sectional

group with active chairmen to carry on the work.

Walter Thomas felt that we should consider not merely Boston or Massachusetts, but we should reach out through all New England. This outreach would unify all Friends because they would free themselves in service.
It has been the thought of the National Committee to develop the work along lines that can be effective and to interest the sympathy of Friends in these projects. All the 29 Yearly Meetings in this country should be acting on these points of common interest.

They think they have found a man and his wife for the work in Japan. This is the open door into that country and the idea must be brought to New England Friends.

In the Interracial Work, Friends must be informed of what the Committee is trying to do. They are considering now about keeping Crystal Bird another year. She has been well received and greatly appreciated by New England Friends, and are they now interested enough to help in keeping her?

The Peace Work should be done with the help of Friends as a basis. The Committee should educate and encourage Friends in the matter of the Navy Bill etc., and then they personally should give the peace message.
In the matter of the Peace Caravans all Friends need to stand back of the plan. We should consider now what we can do to interest Friends in this.

The board offices of the Service Committee should

develop the force already found successful rather than try to carry through work of local value, which could be done by the local meetings in which Friends would naturally be interested as citizens. This New England Board should bring all New England Friends into fellowship by taking up matters of interest to all.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Blanche F. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board.
Ninth Month 8th, 1928.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston on Ninth Month 8th, 1928 at 4 o'clock.

Present (6)

Present. Stephen Rushmore Benjamin Gerig, Mary A. Grove, William M. Duguid, Henry H. Perry, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Wilbur K. Thomas

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board, held Third Month 21st, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Plans for New England Branch.

The Chairman felt that we should review what we are trying to do here in New England, what is our relation to the Society of Friends and what justification we have for existence. The work of the Committee has to do with the outward concerns of New England Friends, and our organization should function so that these things could be carried out more easily. If this isn't the result and if Friends are not interested, there is no point in continuing the Committee.

The New England Branch has been going on now for two years and we feel that there are enough Friends with a concern to carry it on. The question is how we should carry it on and how much we are able to do. There are before us two procedures — to have a Field Secretary or to have the four sections more highly organized with chairmen who will carry on the work as strength and opportunity permit.
As no suitable person has been found for Field Secretary, it seems advisable to get along without one for the

present. The only course before us is to organize the sections so that the concerns of the group may be carried out

Foreign Section. It is expected that the Foreign Section will serve mainly as a bureau of information. It will supply to New England information about the foreign work, in order to stimulate interest.
This Section would arrange meetings for any of our workers from other countries.
Also keep in communication with what other organizations are doing, and inform Friends about these things.
It was decided to ask Louise Merritt Parker to act as Chairman.

Interracial Section. The New England Branch has had an Interracial Committee, but it is necessary to make a change in the chairmanship, as Mary Dugan feels she cannot continue in that office any longer.
All agreed in wanting Elsie P. Ingraham to serve as Chairman of this section.

Peace Section. The Peace Section would have charge of questions regarding Military Training in the Schools and would represent the Peace Committee in any work with other organizations along this line.
It was thought that Earle Winslow would be a very suitable person for chairman, if he was able to serve.

Home Service Section. This section would suggest alternate service for those who object to Military Training and it might be able to assist the Philadelphia office in finding places for young Friends who were willing

to take up some form of industrial work for a while.
It was decided to do nothing about appointing a committee until we had consulted with Wilbur Thomas about the opportunities in New England for this type of work.

The members of these committees will be decided upon later.

There will be reports from these committees at different meetings of the General Committee of the New England Branch, & the Local Committee.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:40.

Blanche R. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Sixth Month 13th, 1928.

The American Friends Service Committee New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Sixth Month 13th, 1928 at 3 o'clock.

Present. (15) Present. Stephen Rushmore, Esther Morton Smith, Benjamin Serig, Sarah W. Haltowell, Anna Wharton Wood, Mary S. Townsend, Elsie P. Ingraham, Seal Thompson, Louise Merritt Parker, Mary A. Gove, Louisa Prescott, Maud M. Hill, Mrs. Sanderk, Laura M. Oakley, Blanche H. Howland.

Regrets for Absence were received from Harvey C. Perry, Wilbur K. Thomas and L. Ralston Thomas.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting, held 5 Mo. 10th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Reports. The Treasurer gave a brief report of the finances of the New England Branch for Fifth Month. The items of this statement are as follows —

Financial Statement
May 1928.

May 1 - Balance in hand		$175.52
Receipts.		
Am. Friends Service Com., Phila	$450.00	
For New England Friends Conference	44.50	
For Telegrams	1.00	
Interest Natl Shawmut Bank. April & May.	2.08	
	497.58	$673.10

Disbursements.

Salary Field Secretary	250.00
Stenographer	32.00
1/3 Rent of Center	50.00

1/3 Salary Secretary	41.66
1/3 Electricity Bills. April & May	.62
Part Telephone Bills, April & May	17.00
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	3.34
Part Expenses of Conference	111.25
Advanced for Traveling Expense Field Secretary	40.00
Supplies	18.00
Rental of Typewriter	3.00
Money forwarded from Phila. For Adolph Kroeming	50.00
Franklin Savings Bank. For "Conference Fund"	54.21
	671.08
Balance June 1, 1928	$ 2.02

The details of this statement are on file at the office, and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account. The contributions forwarded the work of the American Friends Service Committee during May 1928 amounted to $198.50, and checks for the same have been sent to Phila.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treas.

The Treasurer also gave the following report for the year ending June 1, 1928.

General Account
From June 1, 1927 to June 1, 1928.

June 1, 1927. Balance on hand	$ 82.35
Receipts.	
Amer. Friends' Service Com. Phila.	$ 4375.00
Contributions for Conference 1927	25.13
Contributions for Conference 1928	333.50
Woolman School. For Benjamin Gerig	220.00
Emergency Com. on Big Harpt Bill	
Half Month's Salary on Benjamin Gerig	125.00
Contributions for Mailing Expenses	1.00
Negro Reconciliation Trip in Boston	26.50

For Traveling Expenses. Carolena Wood. - 15.00
Interest National Hanover Bank - 11.55

5132.68
$5215.03

Disbursements

Salary Field Secretary (Inc. $125 from Navy Com.) -	3000.00
Benjamin Gerig. From Woolman School. - -	220.00
Stenographic Help. - - - - - - - - - - - - -	316.75
1/3 Rent Friends Center. (Nov. thru June) -	400.00
1/3 Salary Office Secretary. (Oct. thru May) -	333.28
1/6 Electricity at Center. (Oct. thru May) - -	3.42
For a Bank Balance in "Friends Center" Account. - -	10.00
Iron Sign & Directory at Friends Center - - - -	5.80
Telephone - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	68.22
Telegraph - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	25.15
Printing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	75.50
Rent of Typewriter - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	21.00
Pamphlets - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	21.41
Supplies & Postage - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	266.79
Traveling Expenses of Field Secretary - - -	70.59
Traveling Expenses of Carolena Wood - - - -	15.00
Expenses of Conference 1928. - - - - - - - - -	279.29
Sunny Bank Account. "Conference Fund". - -	54.21
Expenses Negro Reconciliation Trip. - - - -	26.60
	5213.01
Balance on hand June 1, 1928. - -	$ 2.02

Statement of Transfer Account
From June 1, 1927 to June 1, 1928.

June 1, 1927. Balance on hand. - - - - -	$ 257.25
Receipts during the year - - - - - - - -	2914.88
	$ 3172.13
Disbursements during the year	
Sent to Philadelphia Office - - - - - - - - -	2898.63
Balance on hand June 1, 1928 - -	$ 273.50

(Signed) Blanche R. Howland, Treasurer.

Report of Field Secretary.

The Field Secretary gave a report of activities during the past month. He and James Coney from Lynn had spent some time visiting Meetings, - James Coney giving the Gospel Message and Benjamin Gerig telling of the work of the Service Committee. They were in the southern part of the state for a week, - at Smith's Neck, Allen's Neck, Central Village, New Bedford and Swansea, and visited Friends in their homes.
Another week was spent in Maine, - at West Gardiner, East Vassalboro, Oak Grove Seminary, South China. They expect to visit Worcester, Woonsocket and Bolton later on. At these meetings they had an attendance from 7 to 23. They felt that Quakerism was at rather a low ebb, as in some cases they have no real Friends Meeting but depend on help from a Methodist or Advent minister. Two or three meetings, however, look quite hopeful.

The Chairman explained that this idea of visiting the various meetings originated in the New England Branch. A letter had been sent out to all the Monthly Meetings stating that a representative from the Service Committee would visit the meetings, without any expense to them, and speak of the work the Committee was trying to do. The object was not to raise subscriptions but to inform them about the work being done. In response to these letters, there were some unfavorable and a few favorable replies. One Meeting was expecting Wilbur Thomas to talk of this same subject, and others felt that they did not have large enough meetings in the winter time to warrant a speaker making the trip. Benjamin Gerig visited two or three meetings at that time. This spring there have been more opportunities for James Coney and him to meet with Friends.

Mass. Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty

Benjamin Gerig spoke of the work of the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, of which he has been Chairman. They had a meeting for Dr. Kirchway, which was attended by interested people from the Eastern half of the state.
The new Chairman of the Council will be Zechariah Chafee.
Benjamin Gerig hoped that some interested Friend would be on the Executive Committee.

Seal Thompson said she had been working along this line at Wellesley College and was surprised to find how little people had thought of the subject. She felt that much educational work was needed.

New England Peace Caravan

It was reported that there would probably be a Peace Caravan sent out by New England. There were two girls from Mt. Holyoke College and Kay Newton in the Philadelphia office would bring the third girl for the team. They will be out for five weeks instead of the usual ten weeks, so this will materially lessen the expense.
$541 is in sight for this project, - $200 being raised by Mt. Holyoke $80 by the New Hampshire Peace Society and $61 by New England Friends.
The three girls will attend the Pocono Peace Conference for their final instruction and inspiration, then will come to Massachusetts 6 Mo. 21st, and go to New Hampshire about 7 Mo. 10th.

Plans for the New England Branch.

The Executive Board had met to consider plans for the New England Branch, and felt that it was wise for the next few months at least to get along without a Field Secretary, as no suitable person had been found for the position. In this case, it would be necessary to reorganize the work of the Committee, and carry it on along the lines of the four sections. We already have an Interracial Section, but there are three more in Philadelphia - the Foreign Service, Home Service and Peace Sections. It was thought

best to organize these sections, if we could find individuals with concerns to act as Chairmen. It was found that Elmer P. Ingraham would be willing to act as Chairman of the Interracial Committee.

It was decided to do nothing about the Home Service Section for the present, until we had consulted with Milton Thomas. There are no Friends Colleges in New England and it seemed as if there would be no demand for this type of work.

Independent Meetings.

A letter was read from the Earlham College Meeting to the Independent Meetings of Friends in America. It expressed their desire to become better acquainted with other meetings, which, like theirs, were not attached to any Yearly Meeting.
They felt that these Independent Meetings for Worship indicate a stirring of life which may prove of peculiar significance to the Society of Friends and to the Christian Church.

Reference was also made to the letter sent to the Joint Yearly Meeting of Friends in New York, relative to the Montclair Independent Meeting.

The Earlham College Meeting sent with their letter a sheet of topics suggested for consideration one of which was the matter of "membership at large" in the Society of Friends, and the inquiry as to whether this could be secured through the medium of the American Friends Service Committee.

This matter was not considered to be within the province of the New England Branch, but the

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hope was expressed that a way could be found to secure such membership, and a minute to this effect was to be sent to the Philadelphia office of the American Friends Service Committee.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Blanche K. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board
Ninth Month 26th, 1928.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston on Ninth Month 26th, 1928 at 3:30 P.M.

Present (5)

Present - Stephen Pearmore, Mary A. Gove, Charles H. White, Thomas Wood, Blanche H. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry, Wilbur H. Thomas.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board, held 6 Mo. 8th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Election of Officers of General Committee.

The matter of an annual election of officers of the General Committee was considered, but it was thought best to confer with Wilbur Thomas before making a final decision in regard to it.

Membership of General Committee.

In considering the membership of the General Committee, it was decided to present the following recommendations to the General Committee at its next meeting in Tenth Month.

1.- That it comply with the requests of Paul H. Bailey and Willard E. Smith to drop their names from the list of members.

2.- That four young Friends be added to the General Committee from the following list -

Marcia Stevenson Foote — Philip B. Briley
Ruth H. Dow — Lerby E. Demarest
Francis C. H. Wheeler — George H. Taylor.
H. Vardis Brown

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other names to be secured from the President of the Young Friends Board of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, and added to this list.

3 - That the Committee consider adding the names of Moses Bailey and Hale Sutherland to the membership of the General Committee, if they act as chairmen of the Peace Section and the Social Relations Section.

Membership of the Executive Board. The Board also makes a recommendation to the general Committee that the Executive Board be enlarged by the addition of one young Friend and by the chairmen of the different Sections, who would serve as members ex-officio.

Plans for N.E. Branch

Field Secretary. The chairman stated that there would be no Field Secretary for the present, but the work would be carried on by the Sectional Committees.

Sections of Work. In Philadelphia the work is grouped under four heads, - Peace Section, Interracial Section, Foreign Service Section & Home Service Section.

Home Service Section. It was decided not to start a Home Service Section in New England. This section is concerned with finding places where college young people can spend some time in industrial or social work in order to acquaint themselves with social conditions. As there are no Friends' colleges in New England, it was felt that very little could be accomplished along that line.

Interracial Section. We have already started an Interracial Committee, but from now on Elsie T. Ingraham will act as chairman.

Foreign Service Section. Louise Merritt Parker has consented to act as the Chairman of the Foreign Service Section.

Peace Section. Moses Bailey has been asked to be chairman of the Peace Section, and it is hoped that he will see his way clear to do so.

Social Relations Section. It was thought that a Social Relations Section might be started here in New England which would work along lines of industrial relations, for the abolition of the Death Penalty, for Prison Reform &c. If such a section is started, it is hoped that Dale Sutherland will be willing to act as Chairman.

Formation of Sections. The formation of the Sections was left with the Chairman of each Section, consulting with the Chairman and the Secretary of the General Committee.

As the work progresses, the Sections will outline their programs and submit them to the Executive Board for approval.

Finances. The matter of the American Friends Service Committee's share of the expenses of the Center was discussed, but no conclusion was reached. It was thought well to consult with Wilbur Thomas about this.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary

Meeting of the General Committee
Tenth Month 10th, 1928.

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Present
[illegible] Thomas, [illegible],
(20) [illegible] Hartshorn, [illegible],
[illegible] Paul Townsend, Blanche H. [illegible]

[illegible] Henry H. Perry.

[illegible] great value to all and give larger opportunities for service.

[illegible] The minutes of the last meeting, held 6th mo. 13th, were read and approved as corrected.

[illegible]'s Report. [illegible] the finances of the New England Branch [illegible] 1928. The items of this [illegible] are as follows:

[illegible] Statement
[illegible]

[illegible] Dr.

June 1. Balance in hand - - - - - - - - - - $ 2.02
[illegible]
[illegible] $ [illegible]

For Telegrams & Supplies - - - - - - 8.90

[illegible] Evangelistic Committee
[illegible] Expenses of Benjamin [illegible]
[illegible] James Carey for their [illegible]
[illegible] New England Meetings - - - 10.16

Adjustment of Traveling Expenses - 5.66

Interest from Pell Trust Fund - 1.74

985.26 $
987.28

Disbursements.

Salary Field Secretary		500.00
Traveling Expenses		20.00
Friends Center.	For Rent	150.00
" "	For Salary of Secretary	104.98
" "	For Electricity	.75
" "	For Telephone	14.52
" "	For Office Help (Stenographer)	[illegible]
Supplies & Postage		62.60
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.		2.14
Petty Cash		10.00
		873.79

Balance in hand October 1, 1928 - - $ 113.49

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Income received.

[illegible] Quarterly [illegible] Meetings forward the [illegible] of the General Fund [illegible] Form [illegible] have been received and forwarded to the Philadelphia office.

[illegible]	$ 569.50
[illegible]	237.00
August	142.50
September	140.50
	1089.50

(Signed) [illegible]

Society of Friends Conference

Second M. held jointly a school of the Friends' Conference, which took place at Colonial Offices, [illegible] August 18-20 1903.

The first second conference with the university of Oxford, at which the Conference with their various & Public Bodies took place.

There were various useful lectures.

It was not a congress of delegates, but a gathering of people with the same aim, who met together to get themselves in thinking & action.

On the first day of the second conference [illegible] [illegible] the subject of the Peace or the Liquor Traffic.

Arthur Thomas read a paper on Peace and some of the difficulties of the Conference.

Some of the difficulties were

1.- The ability of peace societies have all organizations & get together & [illegible] for the sake of fellowship, and without [illegible] any resolutions.

It was a new experiment in the direction of a new way of holding a conference.

The first day was taken up with forming off into [illegible] & [illegible].

The second day was in large sections.

The third day was spent in discussing the technique of how to further these things.

Yesterday there was an address without [illegible]

Yesterday morning there was a Friends' Letter of [illegible] become [illegible], and [illegible] an open [illegible].

2.- Three Deputies were invited to the Conference when Lord [illegible] made a speech before the guests of the hotel, but came late.

Lord Milner is not [illegible] entirely by Friends, nor did they refuse to [illegible] some [illegible] of the hotel there.

The difficulties were the fellow feeling between the peace organizations, and the real [illegible] that are [illegible] among us.

Another difficulty is how to [illegible] for the glory

Reports of Workers on Peace Caravans.

Frances Smith, one of the girls of the Northfield Peace Caravan, graduated last June from Mt. Holyoke College and is now Missionary Secretary at the Plymouth Church, Rochester.

She said that their team of three girls had traveled across through South Maine and New Hampshire. They visited twenty-seven towns during the two weeks they were out.

The New Hampshire Peace Society gave them a team and a man for two weeks.

They met many peace people and were treated very well but met very little opposition.

They thought another year that it would be better to go among more people, who had the opposite point of view and where they would find more opposition. They felt they proved this to be the larger training ground to the campers.

Richard Hall, a graduate of Lincoln University, and one time Negro worked among Negro people in Kansas, Missouri and Illinois.

He said that the press was most interested in them and gave them free advertising. People were receptive, although they did not know the commandments at all.

At one church in Indiana on a Sunday, with a white and colored congregation, the reaction was pretty near enough to pay for the whole trip. It seemed that there were 5000 people.

At one place, a drill was going on, but Mr. Hall completely won the crowd's attention for the speaker, whom they were expecting, and hurried to the platform. Finding their mistake, they allowed him to speak. At first they laughed at him, but finally took the message well.

He felt that the peace work among the race was the most important.

After the trip, he was puzzled about his profession.

Law would be more remunerative, but his conscience would have him that way. He felt so strongly that the country were badly in need of moral leadership, he has given up the "Ladies Home Journal" to help them.

He felt that he had profited immensely by the experience, and that he had started his people to thinking along peace lines.

When Thomas was asked he could bring him on the platform in other towns and letting him tell what had been the effect on nearly every one of them. Last summer three were Pittsburgh towns and the expense was $600. Special contributions were received for their support, reducing this amount to $370. He felt there can be many such sent out next year.

Plans for N.E. Branch

As the New England Branch has no field secretary at the present time, it was thought best to organize the work, forming such sections as seem necessary.

In Philadelphia there are five sections, but here in New England it would be premature to form more than three of them.

The Commercial Section, of which Miss E. Longstreet will be chairman.

The Foreign Service Section, of which Louise Merritt Parker will be chairman.

The Peace Section, of which Miss Bailey will be chairman.

The formation of each section is left with the chairman of each section.

As there did not seem to be a need in New England at the present time for the Home Service work, it was decided not to organize such a section, the purpose of this section is to furnish a substitute for military service for the conscientious objector who desires to express their loyalty, the need is felt particularly of

the young Friends, of whom there are relatively few in New England, do not have Friends' College here. Francis Wilbur Thomas asked for our co-operation in the work, by setting that ideal before our young people.

It was decided to start here a new section, the Social Relations Section, which would deal with the abolition of the Death Penalty, Industrial Conditions, Prison Reforms &c, - matters of much interest to Friends in New England today.

Membership of general Committee

At the meeting of the Executive Board on March 26th, it was decided to send the following recommendations to the General Committee -

1. - That it comply with the request of Paul V. Bailey and Wilbur E. Hoyt that their names be removed from the list of members of the general Committee.

   It was decided to take this action, and a letter of regret was to be sent each one.

Letter sent 10-24-28

2. - That five young Friends be added to the General Committee.

   This was approved by the Committee, and the matter was referred back - the Executive Board not being able to act.

3. - That Wm. Bailey, our Chairman of the Peace Section, be made a member of the General Committee.

   This was approved.

Letter sent 10-16-28

Membership of Executive Board.

The Recording Secretary reported that the terms of two members of the Executive Board had expired, and that Mary E. Cox had resigned from the Executive Board.

Peace Service Committee 10-16-29

The Executive Board recommended that the membership of the Board should include the chairmen of the different sections, who would come in ex-officio.

This was approved by the general Committee.

Finances. The matter of the American Friends Service Committee's share of the expenses of the Center was discussed, and it was decided to continue the apportionment as it now is until the end of the fiscal year at which time it should be reviewed.

Election of Officers. It was thought that it might be well to have an annual election of officers at the beginning of each fiscal year. This will be done 6 Month 1st, 1929.

Recommendation from Peace and Service Committee of Yr. Mtg. of Friends for N. E.

At the meeting of the Peace and Service Committee of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, it was decided to appoint ten people in each of the New England states to work against compulsory military training. These people would confer with the directors of colleges and schools, see those in authority in the government and keep the subject under advisement.

The Peace and Service Committee asked the American Friends Service Committee to co-operate with them in this work.

To Peace Committee 10-16-29

This was referred to the Peace Section of the New England Branch, with power to act, and to report back to the General Committee.

New Books. Mathew Thomas spoke of the book for children, "Peace Crusaders", that has just come off the press. This book contains poems, stories and essays that can be used in the Peace Declamation Contest for children from 7 to 15 years of age. Friends have lost a good

for this in Fair Day Schools, public school assemblies, young people's societies etc. Silver medals will be given to the winners. This plan gives the children the Peace Idea and spreads the Peace Message to the whole community. The fund can be raised through the American Friends Service Committee.

We spoke also of the book, "Teacher Adventures of Today", which has the backing of the American Friends Service Committee and can be secured through them. It contains the service given over the radio by different Friends during the past winter.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Blanche B. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board.
Eleventh Month 5th, 1928.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center 120 Boylston Street, Boston on Eleventh Month 5th, 1928 at 4:30 P.M.

Present (3) — Present. - Stephen Rushmore, Mary A. Gove, Blanche R. Howland.

Service Relating to the Business of the Meeting was received from Elsie P. Ingraham, Henry H. Perry, Charles H. White and Louise Merritt Parker.

Minutes — The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board, held 9 Mo. 26th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Young Friends on Committee — The General Committee had referred to the Executive Board the matter of appointing four young Friends on the General Committee and four of these young Friends on the Executive Board.

Letter 11-16-28. — The following were appointed as members of the General Committee - Marcia Stevens Foote, Ruth N. Dow, Leslie Frazer and Philip R. Bailey.

Letter 11-16-28. — Marcia Stevens Foote was appointed a member of the Executive Board.

Recommendation to General Committee. — It was decided to make the following recommendation to the General Committee - that Hale Sutherland, who has consented to act as Chairman of the Social Relations Section, be made a member of the General Committee.

Adjournment. — The meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Blanche R. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Eleventh Month 14th 1928.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center 120 Boylston St. Boston, Eleventh Month 14th, 1928 at 3 o'clock.

Present. (15) Present - Stephen Rushmore, Sarah W. Walkowell, Esther Morton Smith, Louise Merritt Parker, Moses Bailey, Mary E. Duguid, Maud M. Hill, Alvano C. Goddard, Eldanor Wood Whitman, Elsie P. Ingraham, Isabel Duguid, Amy E. Hartless, Mary L. Cove, Laura M. Cobley, Blanche B. Rowland.

Regrets for Absence were received from Wilbur H. Thomas, Hattie E. Jacob, Marianna Taylor, L. Roberts Thomas, Lora E. Birdsall, William M. Duguid, William H. Robson, Hale Sutherland, Charles W. Johnson.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting, held 10 Month 10th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer gave a brief report of the finances of the New England Branch from October 1st to November 1, 1928. The items of this statement are as follows -

Financial Statement
From October 1st to November 1, 1928.

General Account

October 1 - Balance on hand - - - - -		$ 113.47
Receipts.		
Amer. Friends Service Com, Phila	$ 300.00	
For Telegram - - - - - - - - -	.63	
	300.63	$
		414.12
Disbursements		
"No More War Movement." (Papers) - - - - -	.36	
Postal Telegraph - Cable Co. - - - - - - - -	.63	
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent for Oct. & Nov. - -	100.00	

Friends Center. 1/3 Salary Sec. for Sept. & Oct. - 83.32
Friends Center. 1/3 Electricity - - - - - - .25
Friends Center. Part Telephone - - - - - 1.40
185.96

Balance November 1, 1928 - - - - - - - - $228.16

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account.

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during October 1928 amounted to $274.50, and a check for the same has been sent to Phila.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treasurer.

Reports of Sections

Peace Section. Moses Bailey, Chairman of the Peace Section, said that at the meeting of the committee with Wilbur Thomas they had felt that the immediate need was to circulate a letter to Friends in New England asking them to write to their senators and to the President of the United States in regard to the Kellogg Peace Treaties. The letter was being multigraphed and would soon be sent out. Work against military training in the schools and colleges had been started.

The members of the Peace Committee are

Moses Bailey	Chester A. Moody
Fredrika M. Parks	Elsie Purington
Charles W. Johnson	Rachel Conrad Mason
John C. Gatchell	Maud M. Hill
Ruth M. Dow	Marcia Stevens Foote
Chester C. Smith	B. Frances Smith
Vivian Wood.	Theodore Paine

It was thought that the membership of all the

committee should include a nucleus here in Boston and also representatives in the different states to disseminate literature and make suggestions about the work.

Foreign Service Section. Louise Merrill Parker Chairman of the Foreign Service Section, said the committee had been formed and had met with Wilbur Thomas at her home. She said that the work of this Section was complicated by the fact that the 29 Yearly Meetings in this country all have mission boards, and it was difficult for them and the Service Committee to work together.
In England the Service Committee and the Mission Board are united as the Friends Service Council.
The American Friends Service Committee has centers in many countries. There is a prospect of starting a center in the country south of us either in Nicaragua or Mexico City, where Cornell and Estelle Newton would profitably be sent.
It was suggested that it is our duty to inform ourselves about these centers, and then try to get the information to other Friends and arouse interest and gain financial support.
It was decided to take no definite project as the chief interest of the committee, which might be the work in Japan.
The Chairman is much interested in that country, as she has seen what Friends are doing there under Gilbert Bowles. They are in need of more financial support, as Hugh & Elizabeth Boston have recently been sent there to supplement the work of Gilbert Bowles. Also, Jordan C. Bowles is now studying at Harvard and he could help by telling about the work that his father is doing.

The members of the Foreign Service Section are
Louise Merrill Parker. Harvey C. Perry

Anna J. Haines
Emily Greene Balch
Earle Winslow
Marianna Taylor
Clara E. Burdsall
Philip B. Bailey
Alexander C. Purdy
Gordon J. Bowles
Benjamin Gerig
Pleasance von Gaisberg.

Social Relations Section. The Chairman of the Social Relations Section Hale Sutherland was not able to be present, but sent the following report by letter. "For the Social Relations Section our talk with Wilbur Thomas developed this: that the function of the new section is not only to keep fresh in our minds the purpose of the former Home Service Section – forwarding the idea of patriotic service – but also to serve as agent for giving expression to our collective will in matters relating to the interplay between individual and group. Such topics as capital punishment and industrial conflict are likely to come before us for consideration. Since the organization of the section is incomplete it is not possible to do more than express my personal views of our future action. I hope we may continue fruitfully the process of education needful to result in the abolition of the death penalty. We also need to give thought to the relation between our religion and the organization of industry. I hope we may have some serious discussion in our own group and come to a common mind as to basic principles. Without considerable unanimity the work of the section in this sphere can not be large".

Those who have been asked to serve on this committee are –

Hale Sutherland
John Trull Whitman
Isabel Dugmore
Roger K. Burton
A. Hurford Grossman
Richard Holmgren
Lydia S. Perry
Alvan C. Goddard
Oscar L. Stevens

The term "patriotism" seems to imply military service. Friends are just as patriotic, but want to find other forms of service that will show loyalty to the country.

Interracial Section. Elsie P. Ingraham, Chairman of the Interracial Section, said that they had met with Wilbur Thomas and he had suggested several lines of work.

1.- Immigration. There were 29 bills before Congress to change the Immigration Law now in effect.
There should be more bills introduced against race distinction.

2.- The American Indian. Experts have studied the situation of the Indian and the report published was a severe indictment of the Government.

3.- Negroes. Crystal Bird has gone to Europe but other young colored people will be used to speak before schools and other places to show the possibilities of the colored race.

4.- Foreign Students in America. Friends should meet foreign students and interpret Christianity to them.
There is an organization in Boston that tries to establish friendly relations with them by inviting them to different homes.

Khalil Totah a Syrian will speak at the Young Friends Discussion Group on 11 Mo. 18th. He received his Ph.D. at Columbia, and is now Principal of the Boys' School at the Friends Mission at Ramallah.

The committee is planning to have an Interracial Tea on 11 Mo. 27th at the Friends Center

The members of the Interracial Committee are -

Elsie P. Ingraham	Mary E. Duguid
Sarah M. Haltowell	William H. Robson
Anna Wharton Wood	Harrison L. Harley
Mary A. Gore	William M. Duguid

Young Friends on General Committee

At the last meeting in 10 Month 10th, 1928, the matter of finding four young Friends to serve on the General Committee and one of these to serve as a member of the Executive Board, was referred to the Board with power to act.
At the meeting of the Board in 11 Month 5th, the following young Friends were appointed as members of the General Committee -
Marcia Stevens Foote, Ruth N. Dow, Leslie Frazer, Philip R. Bailey.
Marcia Stevens Foote was appointed a member of the Executive Board.

Recommendation from the Ex. Board

The following recommendation was received from the Executive Board - that Hale Sutherland, who has consented to act as Chairman of the Social Relations Committee be made a member of the General Committee.

Hale Sutherland

This was approved and he was accordingly appointed.

Conference of New England Friends

It was felt that it would be well to hold another New England Friends Conference next spring. The matter of finding a committee to carry through this conference was referred to the Executive Board with power to act.

Telegram to Herbert Hoover.

Elinor Wood Whitman said that several papers had referred to the remark of Herbert Hoover's that he would do his best to remove the causes of war, and she wished the Committee would express to him our approval of such a policy and also our interest in his good will tour. This plan was

approved and Eleanor Wood Whitman and Stephen Bushmore were appointed to send to Herbert Hoover such a night letter from the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee.

2. Letter from the General Conference of Friends.

A letter was read by Louise Merritt Parker from the General Conference of Friends to those who are scientifically minded. It was to Non Friends and signed by Rufus Jones, Dean Roscoe Pound and others. It was felt that the Society of Friends which has no creed and demands fo unity of thought might supply the element needed to satisfy such people.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Night Letter to Herbert Hoover.

11 Mo. 14, 1928.

Herbert Hoover
Palo Alto, Cal.

We wish to express our unity with thy statement of purpose to try to remove causes of war, a principle held by George Fox and by the Society of Friends since its origin.
We are especially glad that thee in new capacity, now begins with our Southern neighbors in putting this principle in practice and disseminating good-will, which there is such urgent need.

Stephen Bushmore, Chairman of
Amer. Friends Service Com. New England Branch.

Meeting of the Executive Board
Eleventh Month 26, 1928.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee New England Branch met at the Friends Center 120 Boylston Street Boston on Eleventh Month 26th, 1928 at 4:30 P.M.

Present (4) Stephen Rushmore Louise Merritt Parker, Hale Sutherland, Blanche H. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Wilbur K. Thomas, Rosser Bailey, Mary A. Jones.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting of the Executive Board, held 11 Month 5th 1928, were approved.

Committee for New England Conference. It was decided to ask Elsie P. Ingraham to be chairman and Mary E. Duguid to be vice-chairman of the committee to arrange for the New England Friends Conference next spring.
There should be a Program Committee, an Entertainment Committee to provide hospitality for visiting Friends, and a Publicity Committee in charge of literature, printing etc.
The different committees to be appointed by the chairman and vice-chairman.
The finances of the Conference should be under the care of the Standing Finance Committee of the New England Branch.

Office Help. The Chairman brought up the matter of having more help for the Secretary in the office work, and the Board decided that such help should be secured. It was agreed to pay one-third of $10 per week for a half-time worker.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Blanche H. Howland Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Twelfth Month 12th, 1928.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston St., Boston, Twelfth Month 12th, 1928 at 3 o'clock.

Present. (21) Present. Stephen Rushmore, Arthur M. Hussey, Harvey C. Perry, Sarah W. Haltowell, Anna Wharton Wood, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Maud M. Hill, Mary E. Gove, Marcia S. Foote, Louise Merritt Parker, Mary E. Sequeira, Marianna Taylor, Earle Winston, Bertha Moore, Clara E. Birdsall, William H. Robson, Viviane Wood, Leslie Frazer, Oscar L. Stevens, John F. Whitman, Blanche B. Howland

Regrets for absence were received from Wilbur K. Thomas, Charles W. Johnson, Anna I. Haines, Moses Bailey, Hale Sutherland, L. Ralston Thomas, Elsie R. Ingraham, Andrew T. Fowler.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting, held 11 Month 14th 1928, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Rep. The Treasurer gave a brief report of the finances of the New England Branch from November 1st to December 1, 1928. The items of this statement are as follows -

Financial Statement
From November 1st to December 1, 1928.

November 1 - Balance on hand - - - -	$ 228.16	
Receipts		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila. - - - -	150.00	
		$ 378.16
Disbursements		
Neostyle Supplies - - - - - - - - - - - -	.40	
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent for December -	50.00	
Friends Center. 1/3 Salary Sec., Nov. - - -	41.66	

Friends Center. 1/3 Electricity. 10-15-'28 - .25
Part Telephone 10-10-'28 - 2.98

3.23

95.29

Balance December 1, 1928 - - - - - - $ 282.87

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account.

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during November 1928 amounted to $155.50 and a check for the same has been sent to Phila.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treasurer.

Financial Appeal

The Chairman spoke of a financial appeal that was being sent out from Philadelphia. Wilbur Thomas had thought that the New England Branch might like to use the same form, making any changes that seemed best.

Letter Henry Perry 12-14-'28

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee. It was suggested that the appeal be sent from Boston, with the heading of the New England Branch, and signed by the Chairman and other members of the Finance Committee.
The map should be changed so that it would be clear that only American Quakerism radiated from Philadelphia.

Peace Section

Marcia C. Foote reported for the Peace Section and said that the matter of the Peace Contests had been left with her as she knew many of the Settlement & Scout workers. She found however, that plans had been made for the work before Christmas, so this was not a good time to introduce the Contest, but she hoped to make some progress later on.

It was reported that the letter in regard to the Kellogg Peace Treaty had been circulated among Friends in New England.

Foreign Service Section. Louise Merritt Parker, Chairman of the Foreign Service Section had undertaken from Wilbur Thomas that he would get up a letter to send out to New England Friends from the Foreign Service Committee with information about the work that is being done in Japan by Gilbert Bowles.

Social Relations Section. Hale Sutherland was unable to be present but wrote that the Social Relations Committee expected soon to have another meeting, and he hoped they would be unanimously in favor of the proposed reform in the penal code. He felt that we should mobilize Massachusetts Friends solidly for the proposed bill abolishing the death penalty.

It was reported that Hale Sutherland had written Prof. Zechariah Chafee of Harvard Law School, who is now Chairman of the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, and he was glad to have the cooperation of the Service Committee.

Interracial Section. Mary A. Grove, in reporting for the Interracial Section, said they had met and considered the lines of work, but their chief interest at the time was to make plans for an Interracial Tea. This was on November 27th at the Friends Center at the time of the regular Tea. Elsie P. Abraham presided most delightfully, and representatives of white Americans, colored Americans, China and Russia were present as guests.

Richard Hill told of being in Russia last summer. His presence was very unwelcome to some and especially to one young man, but on the way home

They shared the same room, and Richard Hill was invited to the young man's home and entertained there.

Miss Grandison spoke of her ideal for definite work among children. She is now teaching in the Lynn schools.

Malcolm Dade told of the Peace Caravan — last summer.

Mr. Kiang, Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. told about a flower in Switzerland which grows on the edge of the glacier and pushes through the snow, called "Love me up". So China is stretching out its arms to the United States saying "Love me up."

Mr. Lawscount, minister in Roxbury, spoke.

Mr. Kouminzy from Russia told of the life in Russia.

There about 41 present.

One of the most important results of the Tea was the encouragement it gave to these people and the feeling that there were some fair-minded people.

Mass. Committee on Kellogg Peace Pact.

A Massachusetts Committee has been formed to start a campaign for the Kellogg Peace Pact. They asked if they could make their headquarters at the Center, carrying on there and there having committee meetings etc., and we saw no reason why it should not be done. They are just forming the committee and will soon start the work.

Report of Libby & Bidwell Meetings on Peace Pact.

Eleanor Wood Whitman gave an interesting report of the meeting held in Boston by Frederick J. Libby where he spoke against the Navy Bill and urged all to send letters to the President and senators in favor of the Kellogg Peace Treaty.

James T. Shotwell spoke at a luncheon at the Copley Plaza Hotel when eight or ten organizations of the city came together to work for the Peace Pact. James T. Shotwell is a Professor of History at Columbia and is well known in International affairs.
He expressed his belief in the great value of Article I of the Peace Pact renouncing war but he considered Article II more important, stating that all disputes shall never be settled "except by pacific means."
He told of an incident in the conference at Geneva when the French and German delegates seemed to come to a deadlock but finally found the way out by sitting at the table and thinking the matter over.

Office Help.

The Chairman said that at the meeting of the Executive Board 11 Month 26th, it was felt that the Secretary needed more help in the office work and they agreed to pay one-third of the expense of a worker for half time.

New England Friends Conference.

Letters 12-10-28.

The Executive Board considered the matter of a New England Friends Conference in the spring. Elsie P. Singsaham will act as Chairman and Mary E. Pugsley as Vice-Chairman and the formation of the committee was left to them.

If there are any suggestions about subjects for the Conference, please notify the Secretary.

Reply from Herbert Hoover to Night-Letter.

At the last meeting on 11 Month 14th, it was decided to send a night-letter to Herbert Hoover, expressing our sympathy with his statement that he would try to promote causes of peace and our interest in his putting the principle into practice by visiting our brothers in neighbour. The following reply was received from him:-

Stanford University
California
November 17, 1928.

Mr. Stephen Rushmore
N.E. Branch American Friends Service Committee,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rushmore -

I am in receipt of your kind message this morning. I wish to thank you for your good wishes on my journey to South America.

Yours faithfully,
(Signed) Herbert Hoover.

Minutes from Meeting of Service Committee in Phila. - 1928

The Chairman read from the minutes of the meeting of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia in Tenth Month, where it tells of the serious financial situation of the Committee at the present time. All were urged to help the Finance Committee in raising funds, as it would be impossible for the Committee if go on as it is now.

Rufus Jones said that the Committee was facing a real crisis. He felt that we should interpret the aims and purpose of the Service Committee to Friends, as they would be interested if they were acquainted with the work and the necessary funds would be raised.

Another minute from the same meeting was read, in which Rufus Jones expressed his concern for a religious fellowship which would clearly emphasize the Christian message of brotherhood. He felt that there were many who do not want to leave their own churches, but who would join such a group.

These minutes indicate that the Philadelphia Committee feels this is a crisis and it is not clear how to continue, so all should consider the best way to continue the work

of this New England Branch.
The changes that have been made in New England may prove to be helpful as they bring more responsibility to each one.

Letter from Benjamin Perry — The Chairman read part of a letter from Benjamin Perry showing that he was interested in the work in Geneva.

Adjournment — The meeting adjourned at 7:20

Blanche R. Rowland Secretary

Meeting of the General Committee
First Month 9th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center 120 Boylston Street, Boston, First Month 9th, 1929 at 3 o'clock.

Present. (18) Present - Stephen Rushmore, Henry A. Fry, Mary E. Duguid, Elsie P. Ingraham, Anna Wharton Wood, Maud M. Hill, William M. Duguid, Hattie E. Jacob, L. Halston Thomas, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Lydia S. Perry, Clara E. Birdsall, Laura M. Oakley, Gordon C. Bowles, Leslie Fraser, William H. Robson, Oscar L. Stevens, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for Absence were received from Wilbur F. Thomas, Mary A. Gove, Earle Winston.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting, held 12 Month 12th, 1928, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer gave a brief report of the finances of the New England Branch from Twelfth Month 1, 1928 to First Month 1, 1929. The items of this statement are as follows -

Financial Statement
From December 1, 1928 to January 1, 1929.

General Account.

December 1, 1928 - Balance on hand - - -		$282.87
Receipts.		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila. -	$150.00	
Interest at National Shawmut Bank -	.98	
	150.98	
		$433.85

Disbursements.

Office Supplies - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	44.15
Printing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	27.50

Telegraph - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -		2.17
Friends Center 1/3 Electricity 11-15-'28 -	.62	
Part Telephone 11-10-'28 -	5.48	
		6.10
Friends Center. 1/3 Electricity 12-15-'28 -	.62	
Part Telephone 12-10-'28 -	6.56	
		7.18
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent January - - -		50.00
Friends Center. 1/3 Salary Secretary Dec. -		41.66
Friends Center. 1/3 Salary Office Helper. 11/26 through 1/26. - - - - -		31.32
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent de Typewriter 11/26 through 3/26 - - -		3.00
		213.08
Balance January 1, 1929 - - - - - -		$ 220.77

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during December 1928 amounted to $55.00 and a check for the same will be sent to Phila.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treasurer.

Interracial Section — There was no report from the Interracial Section but attention was called to the fact that the Fisk Singers would give a concert in Boston on 1 Month 21st at the Hotel Statler for the benefit of the Friends agency.

Foreign Service Section — A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Foreign Service Section, stating that she had been able to do very little the last month on account of illness in the family.

Social Relations Section.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Social Relations Section, stating that the work was proceeding in cooperation with the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty. Letters were being sent to the ten monthly meetings in Massachusetts and to the Amherst group, asking for the organization of local committees to work for the passage of the bill about to be introduced. Later letters would go to the two hundred or more on our local lists, asking their individual cooperation. Attention was called to ways in which we could help the Massachusetts Council.

1.- You may have members who are qualified to speak on the subject.

2.- The members of your committee may be able to reach out and organize groups who would themselves, be interested in this subject, and at the proper time would be pledged to write their Senator or Representative.

3.- You may have members who are able to write on the subject.

4.- Perhaps there are volunteers who would come and help with office work when an unusual amount has to be done.

5.- The essential thing now is to strengthen the existing groups for the various cities and towns throughout the state and to create new ones. You may have members coming from some of these outlying sections who might be willing to carry on the work here.

6.- Of course, there is always the pressure need of funds. We have part of our $2500 budget subscribed, but are not sure of the rest of it.

The Section will welcome suggestions at this time.

There seems to be a growing sentiment against Capital Punishment. A feeling was expressed that if active work were done for a year, it would create enough

sentiment among the people to make the matter hopeful. It would be a step forward for Massachusetts if this law can be passed.

New England Friends Conference

Letters have been sent to many asking for suggestions about the New England Friends Conference this year. Several replies have been received.

Letter from Vienna Group of Friends

A letter of greeting was read from the group of Friends in Vienna. It was pleasant to hear from Friends in another country and the Secretary was asked to send them an answer.

Future Plans of the Amer. Friends Ser. Com.

The Chairman reported that information had been received concerning the resignation of Wilbur K. Thomas as Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee which was presented at the meeting of the General Committee in Philadelphia on Twelfth Month 27th, 1928. As the General Committee did not accept the resignation, this matter is still under negotiation.

As the work of the American Friends Service Committee has gone on in recent years, new needs and new opportunities for service have come to light, and from time to time, the question has arisen as to the relative importance of the newer and the older lines of activity. The great accomplishments of the past should not blind us to the possibility of greater work in the immediate future. As we have undertaken specific tasks together, we have at times, wisely lost sight of historical separations in the Society, for we are unity in reality in the present. The past fifteen years have made it more evident that there is a great spiritual opportunity for the Society of Friends both in the United States and in other countries.

To what extent, if at all, the work of the American Friends

Service Committee should be changed on this account, has become an urgent problem.

On Twelfth Month 27th, 1928 there was approved by the general Committee in Philadelphia the appointment of a committee to consider the future activities of the American Friends Service Committee. The members now appointed are: Marjorie Allee, Ernest L. Brown, Raymond T. Bye, Henry J. Cadbury, A. Morris Carey, Henry W. Comfort, William Eves 3rd, John S. C. Harvey, William B. Harvey, J. Edward Janney, Rufus M. Jones, Homer L. Morris, Vincent D. Nicholson, Stephen Rushmore, Esther Morton Smith, Agnes L. Tierney, Wilbur K. Thomas, J. Barnard Walton, L. Hollingsworth Wood, Walter C. Woodward.
A committee of three, composed of J. Barnard Walton, Henry J. Cadbury and Wilbur K. Thomas was named to add other names to this committee. It is expected that this committee will meet promptly.
A preliminary meeting of the New England Branch will be held some time this month.

The Kellogg Pact. On account with a telegram from Frederick J. Libby, the Committee decided to send a brief telegram to Senator William E. Borah, encouraging him against compromise on the Kellogg Pact.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:35.

Blanche K. Howland, Secretary

Special Meeting of the General Committee
First Month 19th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee New England Branch held a special meeting at the Friends Center 120 Boylston Street Boston, First Month 19th, 1929, at 4 P.M.

Present (36)

Present - Stephen Rushmore, Wilbur H. Thomas, Alvano S. Goddard, Mary S. Townsend, Gordon S. Bowles, Leslie Fraser, Oscar S. Stevens, Henry H. Perry, Louise Merrill Parker, Maud M. Hill, Louisa Prescott, Mabel S. Townsend, Mary A. Jones, Alfred Osborne, Gertrude Osborne, Christina Osborne, Chester A. Moody, Ina E. Birdsall, Lydia S. Perry, Roger H. Buxton, William M. Dugan, Mary E. Dugan, Harvey C. Perry, Laura M. Cobb, Chester B. Smith, Bertha Stevens, Laura Craig, Earle Marshall, Hattie E. Jacot, Vivian Wood, Dale Sutherland, Anna Hainsworth, Laura A. Townsend, Mabel C. Moody, S. Paul Townsend, Blanche H. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Anna Wharton Wood, L. Palestine Thomas, John C. Gatchell.

Future Plans for the A.F.S.C.

The Chairman of the New England Branch said that there seemed to be some difference of opinion now about the future activities of the Service Committee. The relief work was the occasion of the starting of the American Friends Service Committee. From time to time new opportunities and new needs have presented themselves. Some think there should be greater emphasis on the spiritual side. Of course the Service Committee has to do with certain outward concerns, but Friends consider the whole of life religious, as the work is never secular in the ordinary sense; there is always the religious aspect

The relief work was over several years ago and again the question has arisen as to whether there should be changes in the policy of the Committee and the work adapted to other needs. At the last meeting of this New England Branch, attention was called to the fact that at the meeting in Philadelphia on 12 Month 27th, a committee was appointed to consider the future work of the Service Committee. Our chairman is a member of this committee and hopes to be at the meeting in Philadelphia next week.

Since this meeting is a preliminary meeting the Chairman hopes there will be a very full discussion, so he may be in a position to present the views of New England Friends at the Philadelphia conference.

Wilbur K. Thomas introduced his remarks by a resume of the work of the Service Committee.
The American Friends Service Committee was organized for relief work in war time. It was then an easy matter to weld Friends together, as there was work for all Friends. The nature of the work was delicate and difficult, and it would not have been possible except for the Red Cross. There were two Haverford men on the Red Cross and they wanted Friends to help, so they were given passes and in many instances worked back of the firing line. When this relief work was over, many thought a fine work had been accomplished, and the Committee should stop. The majority, however, felt there was much ahead for the Committee to do. At this time, Jane Addams, Carolina Wood, Dr. Alice Hamilton, Charles J. Rhoades and others went into Germany. They fed five million of the eighty million inhabitants of Germany. When Germany was able to handle the situation, many more felt that the work of the Committee

was over.
In 1921 and 1922 came the Russian famine, which was most acute. Anna Haines went over there and much was done to alleviate the suffering.

In 1923 we pulled out of the German work entirely, and then a larger number than before was insistent that the work should stop. The problem was acute in 1924 and there were many conferences on the subject, but many believed that there was still some service for the Friends Committee.
From 1917 to 1924 the work had been organized on a war time basis of relief work but in 1925 the Committee was completely reorganized on a peace time basis. It is on this basis that the work is still carried on, with four lines of activity.

1. The Foreign Service Section was built up from the European contacts that had been made. Many in Europe were asking about the spiritual value of our work, and we couldn't leave them. Something had to be done for the sake of cultivating and spreading Friends' principles.
2. The Committee felt that Peace was one of the great principles stressed by Friends. We should be active here or we couldn't influence people in Europe, so it was decided to head up peace movements among Friends.
   This line of work was called the Peace Section. There are twenty-nine yearly meetings in the United States, and among them there are some peace committees, - in the Arch Street Meeting, the Race Street Meeting, and the Peace Association of Friends in America in the Five Years Meeting.

The Peace Section, while not duplicating the work of these committees, was organized to cultivate and develop peace work, as it was felt there should be a pooling of thought on peace questions, a clearing house in national and international problems.

3 - Then the question arose, as to how we could have peace and goodwill without being active in the race problem. Four years ago, the Interracial Section was started working for better understanding between the black and white, the east and west &c.

4. - The young people were saying that because they did nothing for their country, they should go into the war. Their country was in danger and they should help. The Committee started the Home Service Section in 1925, with the project of developing a new type of patriotic service, - providing a way of rendering national service in times of peace.

We are now even farther away from the war and people again are demanding a reorganization. Some think the foreign work should be given up and left for London Friends to handle and we should attend to the home work. Others think we should drop home work and do all foreign work. There are many differences of opinion. This new committee will discuss the value of the work and perhaps propose new lines of activity. Friends all over the country should think about this and determine whether the Service Committee should direct in what should be done. In case there is not enough concern to support this united service, is it worth while for Friends in New England to try to continue to find ways to work together?

The Chairman said that the Service Committee had helped in bringing all Friends together and some felt this justified their existence, and when the unity was complete then the Committee should disappear. Others object to this very point and feel that the barriers should not be broken down and do not desire such unity.

At the present time, the Society of Friends is under fire. Herbert Hoover has brought Friends to the attention of people more than at any other time. Outsiders are taking account of our stock and we should do the same thing. Many say "It all sounds fine, but what are you actually doing?"
It would be well for the Society as a whole to carry on some piece of work as a sign of its real inner unity.

In reply to questions, it was brought out that the financial interest did enter into the consideration but it was only one of the determining factors. There are 100,000 Friends in the United States and the Committee should have $150,000 a year. Last year they received $93,000 and the year before $102,000, but from Sixth Month to Twelfth Month 1928 there was about 50% increase in the amount of contributions and about the same increase in the number of contributors over the same period last year. There is $20,000 held in reserve, so if ever the committee is disbanded, there will be enough to meet expenses without asking for help.

There was some discussion of the value of the New England work, and all seemed to feel that the lines of activity here were meeting the needs of the community and were of interest to Friends.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Blanche B. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Second Month 13th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston St., Boston, Second Month 13th, 1929 at 3 o'clock.

Present (15) Present. Stephen Rushmore, Elsie P. Ingraham, Sarah W. Haltowell, Mary A. Gove, Hale Sutherland, Anna Wharton Wood, William M. Duguid, Leslie Frazer, Mabel C. Mordy, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Philip K. Bailey, Harvey C. Perry, S. Paul Townsend, Vivian Wood, Blanche K. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Moses Bailey, Wilbur K. Thomas, Hattie E. [illegible], L. Kaleta Thomas.

Minutes The minutes of the last regular meeting on 1 Mo. 9th and of the special meeting on 1 Mo. 19th were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer gave a brief report of the finances of the New England Branch from First Month 1st to Second Month 1st, 1929.
The items of this statement are as follows -

Financial Statement
From Jan. 1st to Feb. 1st, 1929.

General Account.

January 1, 1929 - Balance on hand - - $ 220.77

Receipts.

Amer. Friends Service Com, Phila	$ 150.00	
Interest at Nat'l Shawmut Bank -	.98	
	150.98	
		$ 371.75

Disbursements.

Postal Telegraph - Cable Co. - - - - - - - -	.45
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent for February - -	50.00

Friends Center. 1/3 Salary Secretary. Jan. - - 41.66
Friends Center. 1/3 Office Helper Feb. &
Extra Help. - - - - - - - - - - 17.71
Friends Center 1/3 Electricity - - 1-15 - $ .34
Part Telephone 1-10 - 3.34 3.68
113.50
Balance February 1, 1929 - - - - $ 258.25

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account.

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during January 1929 amounted to $227.50, and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland Treas.

Financial Committee

The Chairman of the Finance Committee sent a report stating that it seemed unwise to do anything about making the regular financial appeal until the Service Committee was reorganized.
Next month they would go into the matter of getting funds for the Conference.

Peace Section

Vivian Wood was one of a group who went down to Washington on the first of this month to try to influence the senators to vote against the Cruiser Bill. She went as a representative of the Fellowship of Youth for Peace and of our Committee, and the rest of the group represented the Massachusetts Committee to Modify the Cruiser Bill.
She reported that they visited Senator Walsh, and she was impressed with his lack of knowledge on the subject. He said he had received ten letters for the Cruiser Bill to every one against it, and hardly knew how to vote.

The group also visited Senator Gillett and he immediately told them that his mind was made up and he should vote for the Bill.
Irwin Wood was convinced that letters and telegrams are most important and influence men like Walsh, who finally voted for the Bill.

Interracial Section. Elsie P. Ingraham read letters from Leslie H. Barrett, minister of the Friends Meeting in Worcester, in which he told about a joint meeting which they held with a Negro Methodist Church near them on Race Relations Sunday. The Negro congregation went to the Friends Meeting, and the Negro minister conducted the service and the choir sang. Afterwards, they all joined in the Bible School. It was greatly enjoyed, and in about two months the Friends will visit the Negro Church.

Foreign Service Section. The Chairman of the Foreign Service Section sent the following report, which was read -

The Foreign Service Section of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee met at 120 Boylston Street, Boston, at four o'clock on Second Month fourth with seven persons present, - five members of the Committee - Emily G. Balch, Clara E. Birdsall, Marianna Jay Fox, Earle Winston, and Louise Merritt Parker, and two, - Stephen Rushmore and Blanche Howland present ex officio.

Subjects discussed at the conference with Wilbur Thomas on Eleventh Month second were recalled and work that might be taken up by the committee was considered. Emily Balch presented the cause of Haiti and urged that we ask cooperation from the Interracial Section in trying to rouse interest with the hope of having a commission sent to investigate the conditions of the native population. It was decided to write to

Philadelphia to inquire what was being done by the American Friends Service Committee in this regard.

Clara Birdsall told of her interesting experiences in Mexico last summer and pleaded for a better understanding with this country.

Louise Packer reported that she had received an interesting letter from Hugh and Elizabeth Borton in Japan. As there was not time to read the letter, copies were made of it by Blanche Howland and these were sent to the members of the committee. The committee seemed to feel that it could do more at present in Latin American problems than in Japanese.

Approval was given of a plan of combining with the Interracial Section in an evening meeting at the time of the New England Friends Conference in Fourth Month, with Emily Balch to speak on Haiti, Clara Birdsall on Mexico, and Gordon Bowles on Japan.

Adjourned to meet in the first Second day in Third Month.

(Signed) Louise Merritt Packer.

Social Relations Section.

Hale Sutherland said that letters had been sent to the eleven meetings in Massachusetts, telling them about the Hearing against Capital Punishment on 2 Month 12th, in the auditorium of the State House, and urging them to write to the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Cards, with the same information, were sent to all the names in one list near Boston. The Hearing was attended by a large number and arguments were very convincing. Over 300 persons stood up when the Chairman asked for those who were opposed to the Death Penalty to rise. There were only

about 6 who took the opposite stand.

Hale Sutherland brought up the case of Billings and Money who are now in prison. The latter is unquestionably innocent, and he asked if the committee would approve of the matter being taken up by the Social Relations Section.
The Committee approved of such action and authorized that Section to speak in behalf of the New England Branch.

New England Friends Conference.

Letters were sent out to many asking for suggestions for the New England Conference. The main interest seemed to be in the condition of the Society at the present time, so this will be the main topic of the conference, and will be the subject for discussion on Saturday, 4 Month 20th, in both the morning and afternoon sessions.
On Saturday evening there may be planned some public meeting along interracial lines.
Sunday morning there will be the regular meeting for worship and the Bible School in Andover Hall, Cambridge.
The afternoon will be given up to the Young Friends to use in any way they desire.
After the special lunch and supper in Phillips Brooks House, Rufus M. Jones will speak to Friends and their friends.

Report of Service Com. Conference in 1 Month.

The chairman read a paragraph from the article in the Friends' paper by Henry J. Cadbury entitled "Status 20 no of the American Friends Service Committee". It stated that for the present the plans under way would continue undisturbed, and that the total work in hand was greater than ever. There are branch offices in New England, in the Middle West and in California. There are two important conferences arranged, one on Christianity and War

to be held at Browns Mills, New Jersey, 4 Month 2nd to 5th for Friends and non-Friends engaged in or preparing for religious work. The other is an all-American Friends Conference to be held at Oskaloosa, Iowa, probably 9 Month 3rd to 9th.

On 2 Month 21st, there would be another meeting of the special committee, when the policy of the Service Committee would again be considered.

Harvey C. Perry and Mabel C. Mordy, who were present at the meeting in Philadelphia on First Month, were asked to give their impressions.

Harvey Perry said he was much more discouraged before he went to Philadelphia than he was afterwards, as he feels now that there is much life in the Committee and he sees no danger of the work being given up.
At the meeting there were representatives from the west and two from New England. The westerners wished the Service Committee would be more cooperative and less competitive. They have their organizations for the various lines of Friends' work and feel that the Service Committee is rather competing with them. There had been a small committee appointed to devise ways and means, and he had taken Stephen Pickmore's place in that.
There was considerable discussion about the finances, as the Committee is spending in excess of its income. It was decided to have only one appeal among Friends this year, and not go around several times when new needs were presented.
Rufus Jones spoke about his desire for the Committee to think more about the spiritual needs of Friends and not devote all of its time to

definite undertakings.
Every body was most frank, but the spirit of the Conference was fine and there was throughout a feeling of cooperation.
Wilbur Thomas' resignation was accepted and a suitable minute was to be recorded.

Mabel Hardy said there was much discussion but no very definite conclusions
She gave a resumé of Rufus Jones' talk. He felt that the work of the committee should be linked up with the meetings, as he felt great concern for the spiritual life of our meetings.

Another paragraph was read from Henry Cadbury's article, in which he said that at the recent conference it was clear that some such organization as the Service Committee was needed for the fostering of the Quaker spirit, both in central unification and in local diversification.

The Chairman said that it was interesting to consider the work of the Service Committee. It started to do relief work and did it. It is important to distinguish between direct and indirect methods. The unity of all Friends, that has been effected by the Service Committee, could not have been attained by direct methods, but came from selecting some work for Friends to do together and their interest in it. There must be some project in common.

The present crisis has developed because there is not unity in the Society, and the efforts in the Service Committee are not sympathetically received. Perhaps it has undertaken too much.

The work of the Service Committee might be under the head of "Justice", which would mean a square

deal for everybody. This would include matter along peace, interracial, foreign and social lines. This would be most appealing to young Friends, and one on which the whole Society might unite. Any community could work along the line that appealed to them.

Plan for all Peace Organizations in Boston to cooperate.

Letter Mrs Bailey 2-14-29

Emily Balch had a concern that all the different peace organizations in Boston should work together, and she suggested that representatives from all these organizations meet some to confer on the subject, and see if there can be more cooperation.
This was referred to the Peace Section with the approval of the General Committee, for their participation as the matter progresses.

Capper Bill

Letter Mrs Bailey 2-14-29

Hal Sutherland spoke of the Capper Bill, which called for universal conscription of men and wealth.
This matter was referred to the Peace Section, asking for information in regard to the present status and, if appropriate, it could be used as a rallying point for all peace groups.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:40.

Blanche K. Howland, Sec.

Meeting of the General Committee
Third Month 13th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Third Month 13th, 1929 at 3 o'clock.

Present (17) Present, Mary E. Cogwell, Anna B. Frazier, Alice H. Harwood, Mary C. Townsend, A. Wm. Cadbury, Mary A. Gore, Maud H. Hill, Mabel E. Morey, Eliza Ford, Thelma L. Gaston Thomas, Marianna Taylor, Mabel Bailey, Gertrude H. Lamb, Laura M. Gabby, Susan Wood, Fred Newman, Elsie P. Singraham.

Regrets in absence were received from Alfred Buckhorn, Lewis Fraser, Anna Martin Wood, Charles H. Johnson, Gertrude M. Cole, Ellen B. Bidwell, Blanche G. Hartland.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting on Second Month 13th were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. A brief report of the finances of the New England Branch from Second Month 1st to Third Month 1st, 1929 was read. The items of this statement are as follows -

American National
From February 1st to March 1st, 1929.

General Account

February 1, 1929. - Balance on hand - $258.25

Receipts

American Friends Service Committee, Phil - 150.00 $408.25

Disbursements

Neostyle Supplies - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 5.50
Postal Telegraph - Cable Co - - - - - - - - - - 3.85

Cost of fare & delegate to Washington — 15.00
Printing 300 sheets for Hearing Death Penalty — 1.25
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent [illegible] — 60.00
1/3 Salary Rec. for Feb. 17.66
1/3 Salary Asst. [illegible] 17.66
106.32
Friends Center. 1/3 Electricity — 2.45 — .51
Net Telephone 2 m 5.06
5.57
Balance on 500 Large Manila Envelopes 13.00
175.46
Balance March 1, 1929 — $ 266.77

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Friends Record.
The contributions towards the work of the American Friends Service Committee during February 1929 amounted to $107.50 and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche J. Howland Treasurer.

Peace Section. Mabel Earle reported that Miss Bailey has been doing some work in looking up issues of the peace pamphlets for children which were sent out, and expects to finish soon.
She is calling a meeting of the Peace Committee on the 21st.

Some questions were asked in the Lackawanna District re Peace, but the Clerk [illegible] many requests for information regarding the Conference. The officers elected the previous [illegible] were not [illegible] the

book, "Peace Crusaders" in that connection.

She reported that Fay Newton is working in the conference to consider the subject, "War's Challenge to Christianity," which is to be held on Fourth Day [illegible] at Swarthmore. Miss Newton is giving specialist and religious leaders. She hoped that a number of young people who are working along this line could go to this Conference. There will be a group of well-known leaders, including Sherwood Eddy, E. Stanley Jones, Alexander C. Purdy, Albert Russell, Rufus Jones & others.
Expense has been raised by the Philadelphia office to help send some of the young people who might not otherwise be able to go.
Fay Newton has been out among the theological schools to get young people in the conference.

Interracial Section

Mrs. F. Ingraham gave the following report from the Interracial Section –

The Interracial Section had had one meeting in February. The Chairman reported meeting to Dr. Brown President & said some of the Indiana Defense Bureau wanted the Section to have a meeting in the Friends Meeting House in the Indians with Dr. Emerson Brown as the speaker. Later word came Mrs. Emerson expressed that the husband had contracted for [illegible] and could not return until April 27th, & the Section would be interested in considering the subject after that.
The Committee next considered the question of an evening social meeting at a private house, inviting about a hundred of the Friends & neighbors of Mr. & Mrs. Fleming, [illegible] Mary Fleming expected to be at the meeting at the house, & the Section felt more favorably with a view to the convenience of Mr. and Mrs. Fleming.
The meeting then adjourned.

Anna Jackson said that the Industrial Committee of Philadelphia had helped with the meeting for Indian Rights recently held in Atlantic City. She had written 5 special members of the conference asking them if they would be willing to address people on this subject, and up in every of them had expressed their readiness. She is now trying to arrange meetings for them & feels the Industrial cause is thus benefited.

Mr. Jones of Capital District's work last year, but said that the Committee did not feel that they could support a secretary in that work this year, and as the Industrial Committee had not been very active.
Mrs. Elbert Russell and Mrs. Thomas expect to attend a conference of Negroes in Pittsburg, North Carolina.

Eleanor Rose Whitman said that the Labor Bureau has passed a second decision that will take work away from the Negroes and make it extremely hard for them in finding employment especially on elevators &c. The Industrial Section will look into the matter.

Foreign Service Section.

The Chairman of the Foreign Service Section read the following report —
The Foreign Service Section of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee met at 120 Boylston Street, Boston on the afternoon of third month twenty-sixth at four o'clock. Emily G. Balch, Gordon Bowles, Meredith Nicholson, Carl Wanning and Louise Morrill Parker. — Blanche Hoskins became assistant clerk. It was reported that word had come from Philadelphia that nothing was being done at present with regard to Haiti, all work

along such lines having been suspended during the reorganization of the main committee. Difficulties in the way of our taking any independent action in New England were discussed and it finally appeared as if all that was open to our section was to give information to Friends in New England concerning foreign work undertaken by the American Friends Service Committee. It seemed unlikely that an evening session at the Conference of New England Friends could be given to the Foreign Service Section. It was proposed that evenings should be given to members of the section to speak to the various Friends groups, - Emily Balch on Haiti and Earle Whitson on Indonesia. It was further proposed that Blanche Hoxie and visit Friends in Providence, New Bedford, Worcester &c & try to make arrangements for Jonathan Bowles to speak some in various groups on the work being done in Japan. Awaiting results along these lines the meeting of the section adjourned.

(Signed) Louise Morrell Parker, Chairman.

Letters 3-12-29

Anna Gricom reported that the Friends Center in Paris is doing some student work.

There are 150 or so International groups in Paris, but as the people were not getting acquainted, the Friends arranged luncheons to get them together. They also held teas for the representatives of the League of Nations, who met officially but not so much personally.

The Friends Center in the different countries is making useful things that are rather hard to tell about. One of their greatest services is linking up organizations with people who want to know about them. The Polish and German groups co-operated in holding a meeting where the Minorities problem could be discussed.

Social Relations Section.

Mr. Sutherland reported that the Bill for the Abolition of Capital Punishment was defeated.

He suggested that those who are interested should write to the American Civil Liberties Union, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York, and ask for literature on the Centralia case (Oregon prisoners who are imprisoned because of their opinions and not because of their crimes) and on the Mooney and Billings' case.

Also he suggested that we read "Sacco & Vanzetti — New Evidence," and by talking about it, influence public opinion.

At the recent meeting of the Boston Federation of Churches it was proposed that several prices unite for a conference next fall. Mr. Sutherland was asked to serve on the Committee of Industrial Relations in Benjamin Gerig's place.
The Committee approved of this.

Anna Jacobs said that in Philadelphia they do not have a Social Relations Section, but they do have a Home Service Committee. They ask young people to volunteer for a year of service. Many are working and teaching classes in Negro schools, in Mother Farm, Jeanes School, in Frontier Colleges and Lumber Camps. They always receive maintenance.

Conferences. The Institute Program of the New England Friends Conference in Hyde Park, Month 20th & 21st, was read, and questions were answered concerning it.

Anna Jacobs has attended the Mennonite Friends Conference in Kansas, twice, and suggested that the meeting might profit if such Friends were invited to go. She read the Institute Program,

and asked that we remember the date, - Ninth Month 3-9, 1929.

Reorganization Plans of the E.F.S. Com.

Anna Dickson read the entire report of the Reorganization Committee of the American Friends Service Committee. This report had been generally approved, and would further be considered in the R.F.S.C.

The whole of the two hours session was then held -
1.- That the R.F.S.C. should be a center where all needs and sufferings could be heard and considered.
2.- That the R.F.S.C. should limit its work to what it could do back but could be carried on with a high degree of excellence.

She said that the present plan is somewhat of a compromise between these two points of view.
This was decided to submit committee with special work after we the occasion demands.
In their Peace work they hope to link up with all existing Peace organizations

Anna Dickson said that the question of finance for the Service Committee was of immediate importance. They need to know the income for the coming year in order to know the possibilities for work. It was decided to report this need to the Finance Committee for action.

Adjournment. The meeting then adjourned.

Eloise P. Ingraham
Secretary pro tem the day.

Meeting of the General Committee
Fourth Month 10th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Office, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Fourth Month 10th, 1929 at 3 o'clock.

Present (18) Stephen Pushmore, Sarah H. Hallowell, Alice T. Chapman, Joy Cotancy Godman Bond, Anna Wharton Hole, Alice L. Kimball, Marianna Sayles, Eliza Ford Whitman, C. Hale Sutherland, Hattie E. Jacob, Anne Fleming, Louise Wood, Earle Winsor, Blanche F. Howland.

Friends in absence were received from Marie Grove, L. Walton Thomas, Mary E. Dugan, William M. Dugan and Isabel Dugan.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting received Ninth Month 18th were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report. A brief report of the finances of the New England Branch from First Month 1st to Fourth Month 10th, 1929 was read.
The items of this statement are as follows.

Financial Statement
From March 1st to April 1st, 1929.

General Account.

March 1 - Balance on hand - - - - - $ 262.79

Receipts.

Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila. $ - 150.00
Kellogg Corn. & Service Bill Com.
In Stencils & Paper. - - - - - - 1.90
Mass. Com. on Crusoe Bill
In Telegrams, Jan. & Feb. - - - 4.55

Sale of 3 Books "Peace Crusader" - 4.50
Sale of pamphlets - .10

161.25
$427.04

Disbursements.

Mentile Supplies	7.00
Postal Telegraph - Cable Co.	1.18
Petty Cash. Form Nov. 1928 to March 1929	10.00
Petty Cash. From March 1929, on	10.00
255 Stamped 1/2 g Envelopes by Conference	16.70
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent April - $50.00	
1/3 Salary Sec. Mar. - 41.66	
1/3 Salary Helper April - 14.66	
	106.32
Friends Center. 1/3 Electricity 3-15 - .37	
Part Telephone 3-10 - 5.31	
	5.68
	156.94
Balance April 1, 1929	$267.10

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Transfer Account.

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of March 1929 amounted to $75.50 and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche H. Haviland, Treas.

Finance Committee — It was reported for the Finance Committee that the yearly financial report was being sent out to the Executive Friends from the Philadelphia office of the Service Committee.

Peace Section — Minnie Bailey, Chairman of the Peace Section, sent a letter stating that the only definite matter to report was that

their efforts to stop propaganda on the part of pacificistic organizations which go "to the Military Training Camps." They took this and sent to interested people information as to how they may exert another pressure against this reform.
The committee is making some attempts in the way of cooperation with other similar groups.

Interracial Section. Elsie Ingraham, Chairman of the Interracial Section, said that nothing had been accomplished since the last meeting.

Florence Hope Whitmore said it was extremely difficult for the Negro to get work since the new Labor Union regulation went into effect.

Foreign Service Section. It was reported that letters had been written to several meetings, asking if it would be practicable for them to invite Rachel Bowles to give an illustrated lecture on Japan. As a result, she spoke on Fifth Month 7th at the Lincoln School Conference, before a group composed of Lincoln School girls, Junior Korean girls and Friends of the Providence Meetings. She will speak in the 17th at Lawrence Meeting.
Arrangements are being made for him to give his talk the latter part of this month in Boston. Each Monday she will give "Orientation" before the young Friends Discussion group in the Friends Center on Fifth Month 7th.

Conference of All Friends in New England. The Chairman of the Conference Committee reported that all arrangements had been made for the Conference in Boston on the 20th of 1st. Programs have been sent to Friends throughout New England. Many homes in Boston and vicinity have been opened for the entertainment of visiting Friends, and key persons in each meeting have been asked

to notify the Center of any who are coming.

Reorganization Plans of the A.F.S.C.

The Chairman spoke of the appeal by Rufus M. Jones which appeared recently in the Friends' papers. He spoke of the appointment of Clarence E. Pickett as the new Executive Secretary of the Service Committee. A great need, we feel certain, at the present time is an increased contribution to the fund of funds for the work in which the Committee is engaged.

The new plans seem to indicate that the Committee will be more flexible, and more ready to meet new needs. Any concern by the Society would be helpful to the Committee in decisions.

There was strong feeling that the Committee must go on, as there is need for it in our Society and in the world.

Friends Meeting in Washington

Sarah Hallowell told about her visit to the Evening Friends Meeting in Washington on the Sunday before Inauguration.

The train on which she reached Washington was late, so they were allowed to take an taxi to the Meeting House, and found crowds reaching long both above & the curbstone, with policemen trying to keep order. When she got inside there was quiet.

President and Mrs. Hoover and their family came in and took the bench reserved for them. Augustus T. Murray spoke.

Report of Conference and future plans

Several men from New England went to the conference, and Rodman Booth and Roy Folsom gave an full report.

Religious Leaders at Browns Mills, N.J.

Rodman Booth said that there were many present at the Conference who were not Friends. There were about 200 to 250, mostly young men and women who were religious leaders and students, both

American and foreign.
Some could not see at all the Friends' point of view, but they certainly began to think along different lines and their attitude changed.
All were convinced that the problem was vital, as the Christian Church has become a fighting force rather than a force of love.

Roy Potts said that the New England group was very fortunate, as they stood at the camps of Vincent Nicholson.
Glen Elbert Russell's talk, he said that Jesus' way was opposed to war. He traced the steps by which the Christian Church had come to support war.
Bruce Curry said that our Jacobism was worth as much as it costs us. Every peace worker should have a service record of some work that had cost him something. He felt that the Conference should be a challenge to go back home and be willing to sacrifice.

The Chairman said it is difficult to realize that so many think war is normal and that war might not be worse. Some progress has been made, but even now the majority does not feel that peace is normal.

Exchange Professors from Harvard & Berlin.

It was reported that the Harvard Professor who will exchange next year with a Professor from Berlin, has strong militaristic views and expects a war between England and America.
It was suggested that a letter be written to Gilbert McMaster in Berlin about the matter, bearing in mind that we may often be wrong, but that the very many open to prejudice and that this Professor's views not represent all the opinions, the American

people, and we are sure he does not represent the best trust. He also thought that it might be well to advise the general Council and also President Lowell about the matter.

Election of Officers of New England Branch. He had been thought that there should be an annual election of officers of the New England Branch, and as the year ends first Monday in May, it was decided to have the election at the meeting next month.

The Chairman is to appoint a Nominating Committee, to bring forward names for the action of the General Committee.
He will also ask the Nominating Committee to consider any changes in the General Committee that are needed.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Report of New England Conference
Held 4 Month 20 & 21, 1929.
See Page. 5 in Book #2.

Meeting of the General Committee
Fifth Month 8th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Fifth Month 8th, 1929 at 5 o'clock.

Present (12) Present - Stephen Duchmore, C. Hale Sutcliffe, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Emily J. Balch, Earle M. Winslow, Mary M. Dugan, Louise N. Cobb, Mary C. Sprague, Anna Winslow Wood, Saul M. Kaltwell, Anna J. Prince, Wm. C. Bailey, Leslie Tupper, Henry A. Perry, Clara E. Rideout, Vivian Wood, Elizabeth A. Forster.

Regrets for absence were received from Elsie P. Ingraham, Marianna Taylor, Mary A. Gove, Fredrika M. Parks, Maud M. Hill.

Minutes The minutes for the last meeting on Fourth Month 9th, 1929 were approved as circulated, with the following correction —

Under the report of the Interracial Section, it stated that it was "difficult for the Negro to get work since the new Labor Unions have come into effect." —

The word "Regulations" was substituted for the word "law."

Treasurer's Report A brief report of the finances of the New England Branch from Fourth Month 1st to Fifth Month 1st, 1929, was read.

The items of this statement are as follows -

General Account.

April 1 - Balance on hand - - - $267.10

Receipts

American Friends Ser. Com. Phil 150.00

For 3 Books - - - - - - - - - - 5.00.
Contributions for Conference
April 20th. 262.50

417.50

Disbursements.

Rent 2 B. Grizzone Phila Office & Books - 9.50
Rubber Stamp. (Acting Secretary in Phila) - .70
Postal Telegraph Cable Co. - - - - - - - 1.60
Printing Invitations, Evening Reception - - 2.50
Balance 2,000 Special Stamped Envelopes - 40.00
100 large Envelopes for Appeal - - - - - 7.12

Friends Center 1/3 Rent for Mar 50.00
1/3 Secretary April 41.66
1/3 Keeper for Mar 14.66
1/3 Rent & Janitor 3.00

109.32

Friends Center 1/3 Electricity 4-15 .34
Part Telephone 4-10 6.14

6.48

Part Expense of Conference Apr. 20 21.
Stamped 1½ & Env. 9.87
Printing 3000 Programs 23.10
Traveling Expenses Speakers 143.95
Expense of Supper. 27.28

204.15

513.55

Balance May 1, 1929 - - - - 301.25

The details of this statement are on file in the office and may be seen any time.

Respectfully Submitted,
The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of April 1929 amounted to $561.75, and a check for the same has been sent to Phila headquarters.
(Signed) Blanche Haverland, Treasurer

Reorganization Plans of the A.F.S.C.

The Chairman said that as we look back over the activities of the Service Committee, it is a time of questioning as to the value of the Committee, the value of the work, the possible work in the future, and the adjustments that should be made.

We have decided that there is a very great need for the Committee, and there is a sufficient number of concerned friends on the Society to make it worthwhile to continue the work along some of the same lines. Some adjustments are necessary. A beginning has been made, but we are at a point where it does not seem wise to make any more decisions until we confer with the new Executive Secretary, Clarence E. Pickett, who will undoubtedly come to New England in the autumn. Meanwhile, we should consider the best thing for New England — what changes would be helpful and how we should develop the work.

We read from "Friends Service" of Fourth Month, 1929: "The Committee should co-operate to the fullest extent with the existing agencies inside the Society, and through them, with the many existing Quaker Organizations and individuals. Work within the bounds of any Yearly Meeting should normally be done through the Yearly Meeting, and with the consent and co-operation of the committee most concerned. It should also work in harmony with similar organizations outside the Society, always making the distinction religious these existent behind our activity."

Little effort has been given to this in recent years, and these agencies have exhibited very little desire to cooperate with us. They are simple. We do not seem to be in very close touch with the Yearly Meetings.

"All work done with the sanction of the Committee as a

service, instead of under sections. Sub-committees to serve as long as necessary will be appointed for special pieces of work. At the annual meeting in May, three committees, at least, will be named — on Service Abroad, Service at Home and Peace."

This shows a tendency toward centralization, and raises the question of how the New England Board can best meet the needs of New England.

"It is felt that branch offices should not be established unless there is a real call for service by them and a strong concern in the section to be served. That the work of the Committee be better and more widely understood, however, 'arrangements should be made for having from five distant members meet quarterly with the committee at its business sessions in Philadelphia'. Also, 'an annual conference including a separate business meeting of the Service Committee should be held once a year in varying friendly centers throughout the United States'. The appointee secretaries should do frequent travelling in the field, their itineraries being arranged by the Yearly Meeting committee, whenever possible."

This indicates further centralization and assures that all branches shall be more in touch with Philadelphia and more under their control.

"Appointments to the Service Committee should be made annually by the Yearly Meetings and every five years by the 'Five Years' Meeting. Whenever practicable, there should be consultation between the nominating committee, and the Service Committee, in order that those vitally interested be selected. Appointments at large should be made annually by the Service Committee upon the recommendation of a nominating committee".

The important points should be somewhere

now but final decisions should be left until fall.

Finances — It was reported that the annual appeal had been sent out to New England Friends in Fourth Month 9th, and during the month contributions came in amounting to $561.75.

The Chairman said that the question of finance was an important issue, and it must be decided whether the appeal should be made from the New England office or from Philadelphia.

The matter of raising money for special purposes was discussed, and it was decided to let the Finance Committee make any recommendations along this line, which later would come before the General Committee for final decision.

Peace Section — Mary Bailey reported that he had met with Ray Newton and talked over the matter of having Peace Caravans in New England this summer. If it is possible it has taken place, at the cost of $5 a week. If we raise $500, Philadelphia will pay the rest. The committee voted that it have such travel around in Cape Cod and the other visit local communities in Maine & New Hampshire. The Committee approved of a limited appeal for funds for the expenses of the Caravans.

Ray Newton expects to spend three weeks or more in New England in Fourth Month meeting Friends and interested people.

A letter was read from Dr. Samuel E. Hirst asking for one Friend a representative of an informal meeting of some of the peace societies in Fifth Month 9th at 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

for the peace organizations in Boston could cooperate more closely in their work.
The Chairman of the Peace Section could not attend this meeting, so Blanche H. Howland was asked to go.

Foreign Service Section.

The following report was read –
"The Foreign Service Section of the New England Board of the American Friends Service Committee has held two meetings in joint session with the Outreach Section, to consider matters that concerned them in common. At the meeting in Sixth Month 17th, the subject of United States immigration regulations was brought up but the committee were not sufficiently informed to take action. At a second meeting, held Sixth Month 25th, the subject was more fully discussed and resulted in sending a letter from the two sections to President Hoover, expressing approval of his appointment to the National Origins Quota Board and letter to Senators Walsh and Gillett asking from them a like appointment. The replies received are enclosed herewith.
Since our last report, Anna Binder has spoken at the Lawrence Meeting on Friends' work in Japan and Clara E. Burdsall has spoken at the Portland meeting on Mexican conditions. The public meeting planned for Anna Binder in Bath had to be given up because of difficulties in the way of a successful meeting. It is hoped that arrangements can be made this month for Emily Balch to speak to the young Friends' group on the situation in Haiti".
(Signed) Louise Merritt Parker, Chairman.

The reply from the White House stated that the Secretary would promptly place the letter before the President.
Frederick H. Gillett said he would bear in mind the views expressed.
David I. Walsh wrote as follows – "You will be

felt and I know that I am heartily in accord with the views you have expressed and I shall continue my efforts to bring about the repeal of this measure in the Senate."

Social Relations Section. J. Hale Sutherland said that he had written to the members of the committee in regard to a letter to governor Young of California in the Mooney and Billings case, but no replies have been received.

New England Friends Conference. The following report of the finances of the conference was read –

Contributions for the Conference April 20, 1929 –	$262.50
Paid out for expenses of the Conference - - -	222.26
Balance on hand May 1st - -	40.24
Bill unpaid - - - - - - - -	30.00
This bill has not been received.	
After all bills have been paid there will be balance	$10.24

We have not touched the balance from last year's Conference of $54.21, which is in a Savings Bank.
(Signed) Blanche F. Howland, Treasurer.

The Chairman said there were about 200 present on Saturday afternoon, April 20th. The program gave us a feeling of reality. "But the Conference is over what difference will it make? Don't we feel uplifted?"

Election of Officers of New England Branch. Philadelphia has an annual election of officers, so we decided to do the same and have it just before the end of the fiscal year, which is Sept. Month 31st. At our last meeting it was decided for the Chairman to appoint a nominating committee to suggest officers for the coming year and to make any changes in the general membership that they

thought best.
The committee appointed was Mary E. Dugan, Mary R. Fox and C. Paul Townsend.

Mary E. Dugan, Chairman, gave the following report — "The Nominating Committee met 4/30 and unanimously submit the following for officers for the coming year.

Stephen Hutchinson, Chairman
William M. Dugan, Vice-Chairman
Blanche R. Kirkland, Secretary-Treasurer
Harry C. Perry, Auditor.

It is with sorrow that we have lost through death our friends Thomas Wood and William F. Fox. To fill the vacancies we suggest Sarah W. Blake and Wilbur K. Thomas."

This report was approved and the officers were duly elected and the two new members were elected to the General Committee.

Special Concerns. The Chairman said that hope had been expressed that the Concerns Friends Service Committee should give an opportunity for any Friend to express any concern on any matter. The Committee might not deal with every matter, but Friends should present their concerns. He hoped that this New England Board would give this same opportunity as any one had a concern.

Appointment of Commissioner in Indian Affairs by the President. Emily Balch said that President Hoover had appointed Charles J. Rhoads and Henry J. Scattergood as Commissioner in Indian Affairs, and she wished we would write and express our pleasure that he had chosen such fine men.

It was decided that letters should be sent to President Hoover, Dr. Gay Lyman Wilbur, Charles J. Rhoads and Henry J. Scattergood from the General Committee of the New England Board and signed by the Chairman

Compulsory Military Training at Mass. Institute Technology

Hale Sutherland expressed his concern that a letter be written to the Technology Corporation in time for its meeting early next month, stating our views against military training. Our government has signed a Peace Pact, and we feel that the Institute of Technology should inform its students about Peace and give that side a fair show.

It was decided that a letter should be sent from the General Committee of the New England Branch to the Technology Corporation. It was thought that it might be well also to send letters to High Schools and Colleges where they have compulsory military training.

The whole matter was left with Miss Bailey, Stephen Buchmore and E. Hale Sutherland.

Proposed Course of Lectures.

Emily Bates felt that young people were out of touch with religion and she urged that the New England Branch could arrange a course of lectures by Prof. Whitehead, Prof. Mathews, Dean Fosdick, Pound and others.

It was decided that Miss Bailey, Hale Sutherland, Emily Bates and Eleanor Mead Whitmore should serve as a committee to look into this matter and report at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Sixth Month 12th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England [illegible]
Boston Sixth Month 12th, 1929 at 3 o'clock.

[illegible]

Present: Anna Wharton Wood, Jacob W. Hallowell, Elsie P. Angraham, Nina Field, J. Paul [illegible], Henry H. Perry, Mary A. Gove.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting, held 5 Mo. 8th, 1929 were approved as circulated.

[illegible]

General Account.

May 1.- Balance on hand - - - - - - - - - $301.21

Receipts.

Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila. - - $150.00

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

1500 Stamps on Follow-up Letters - - 36.00
Printing Follow-up Letter - - - - - - 5.50
Postage & Exp. on Follow-up Letter - - - 34.44
[illegible]

Friends Center. 1/3 Rent for June --- $ 50.00
1/3 Salary Sec. for May 41.66
91.66

Friends Center. 1/3 Electricity 5-15 -- .25
Part Telephone 5-10 -- 8.54
8.79

Balance June 1, 1929 ----- $ 237.

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at the office and may be seen at any time.

[illegible]
The contributions toward the work of [illegible]
[illegible]
same has been sent to Philadelphia.

[illegible]
report for the year was read -
From June 1, 1928 to June 1, 1929.

General Account.

[illegible] $

Receipts during the year ----- 2632.39 $
2634.41

Disbursements during the year ----- 2397.12
Balance on hand June 1, 1929 --- $ 237.29

Summer Account.

June 1, 1928. Balance on hand 273.50
3326.75
$ 3600.25

[illegible] -- Disbursements during the year - 2973.75
Balance on hand June 1, 1929 -- $ 626.50

[illegible]

The amount of contributions from New England Friends in the year ending 6th mo. 1, 1929 was - - $5848.70

Phila. from Boston office amounted to - - - - 2973.75

from New England contributions amounted to 2874.95

Total amount of contributions from New England. - $5848.70
Philadelphia Office sent us for local expenses - 2300.00

Peace Section

There was no report from the Peace Section, but the matter of the Peace Caravans was discussed. There are pay the rest. We have already

There will be a conference of all the Caravan workers at

and the other will be in New Hampshire and Maine

Foreign Service Section

The following report was sent by the Chairman of the Foreign Service Section -

at the Francis Depot and gave a talk on conditions in Haiti.

After consulting the National Chinese Government the immigration laws could be changed from time to time to meet conditions. Chairman of the Committee on Immigration was H. C. White, Democrat, standing on the enforcement of laws, even the most obnoxious.

(Signed) Thomas Marcott Parker.

Extract from letter from Hiram W. Johnson:

"At a meeting of the Senate Committee on Immigration held April 23, the Commissioner of Labor in California visited the representatives of bills introduced for the repeal of the provisions of the immigration laws. Undoubtedly, however, efforts will be made to have the matter up on the floor of the Senate."

The letter from Judge Lee White merely acknowledges the letter. He sent a copy of the Proclamation and the statement made by the President to the press as the basis for correct information.

The Chairman could be seen immediately on letter from Thomas Parker stating that she feel she should consult the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Section.

The Committee Foreign has repeatedly refused to generalize and has disregarded such a request with much regret.

She also wrote to Foreign Commerce the general Committee but Judge Lea informed that she would be his recommendation. The Secretary was instructed to send her a letter explaining the completed from the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Section, but informing that she would not mention from the general Committee.

Social Relations Section.

A letter was read from [illegible] Secretary of the Social Relations Section, saying that owing to lack of support on the part of the members of the Social Relations Section as a whole, he and the committee [illegible] regarding the letter of [illegible] Attorney Dent's findings.

He also reported a [illegible] attendance of the wife of Roy Calvert to this country in the early fall and the feasibility of [illegible]. He suggested that we have a joint committee of the Affairs of the South Friends [illegible] Friends and the American Friends Service Committee. This suggestion also is one simply [illegible] or other for [illegible] effect.

E. Roy Calvert is a young Indianaman who is [illegible] of the leading organizers of relations of the South Friends. He is a member of the Society of Friends and worked as a member of the Quaker Relief Unit.

He will be in this country from [illegible] and will attend the Friends Conference at Richmond, Indiana and probably the All Friends Conference at Oskaloosa, Iowa. Dates [illegible] He will be in the East, - New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

A letter had been sent to see Dr. the Secretary of the Mass. Committee in the Affairs of the South Friends asking that they prepare a date [illegible] through the country and they would cooperate with us.

The committee strongly favored [illegible] for bringing that fact that should be carried through by the Friends Committee [illegible].

The suggestion was that the matter of publicity in the newspapers be [illegible] and be [illegible] with Oscar S. Stevens, editor of a Quaker paper and [illegible] the opposite [illegible] that the Friend papers [illegible].

Report of Committee to meet Techuntogo Operatives.

He was informed unofficially that the reasons assigned in the letter had not been made to the Techuntogo Operatives for their non meeting, but it had been promised and would be sent later.
The letter concluded with this statement, that the best that Techuntogo had done was to request the government in a public manner, and now under the Government has power of arrest, Techuntogo whose sympathizers are on the other side and do as much for Peace.

Report of Committee to consider the present Crisis of the Times

The committee to consider the present crisis of business in the first instance that the crisis of business they independent business that was produced, was not a matter for the Peace Committee, and the results should be referred to the proper Committee of Cambridge and Broken Meetings.

Report of Informal Meeting of Peace Societies

Dr. Samuel A. Eliot sent to the Executive Committee of the Peace Committee a report of the informal meeting of the Boston Peace Societies. In lieu of the overlapping of effort of these societies we cannot up to last of consolidation and combination. The meeting was called to discuss ways and means of enlarging the influence and the following suggestions were made:

1. That it would be a great convenience and promote unity if the different societies could be housed under the same roof, and it was not known that the building of the Mass. Peace Foundation was mentioned as a possible place.
2. That there would be a saving and a gain in efficiency if only one secretary – one at $1 of labor to – would be set aside for the following duties and differences of the participations of all the societies.
3. That the same contract which would secure the services of a Cambridge stenographer would also secure the stenographer for others, clerical, etc.
4. That some gentlemen and disinterested persons make a public appeal for funds such as money to

simplifying and condensing them.

C - That opportunity be taken on occasion arise for holding further meetings on a considerable scale under the auspices of all the societies. Next fall, for instance, when the Nebraska proposals will come before the United States Senate, there might be some considerable demonstration.

D - That a Joint Committee in Corporate Union be organized, each Society appointing an official delegate. This Joint Committee should have no executive responsibility or authority but should act solely through the constituent societies.

Another meeting will be called in Eighth Month when Frederick J. Tilby can be present.

The Committee approved of this plan of having friendly correspondence between the different Peace Societies.

It was thought that it would be well for the Chairman of the Peace Section and the Secretary of the General Committee to attend the next meeting.

Letter of Sympathy with Friends on Abandonment of Indian Commission.

Since the minutes of Sixth Month letters have been sent by the Chairman to President Grover and to Dr. Benjamin Wilson, Secretary of the Interior, expressing our deep concern in the suffering of the Indians and our gratification over the appointment of the new Commissioners.

Also letters were sent to Charles I. Rhoads and J. Henry Scattergood expressing our satisfaction that they had been appointed as Commissioners on Indian Affairs, our great interest in the work, and our deep concern for their guidance in the task before them.

Answers were received from all three letters and Charles I. Rhoads writes as follows —

"Henry Scattergood and I hope you realize that thousands

will apply for teaching in the Indian Service, not as temporary summer work, but as life work. They will have to pass certain examinations, so that only those with good training, as well as those having a "concern", should apply."

Henry Lastings wrote in his letter —

"We hope with the help and interest of Secretary Garfield and of Secretary Teller in the Indian Service, we shall be able to accomplish something worth while. We are most anxious to find suitable agents of the service but I am sure we need a very that we feel that we could not refuse to help, and have we never prepared to think of ourselves as 'slackers'. We Friends have a special reason for heeding home-home calls for service in mind at during the war-darkening time of the great war."

Henry J. Cadbury said that the Home Service Section of Philadelphia hoped to correspond with the Commissioner and place some young Friends in the work among the Indians. The correspondence would be very small, as it would be a work of love, but he hoped some would explore.

Exchange Professors of Berlin & Harvard

At a meeting in South Africa it was said that the German Professor exchanged at Harvard with one from Berlin was quite militaristic in his views. It was felt that he did not represent the best thought in Germany, and a hope was expressed that we would communicate our views to Friends in Berlin. The Clerk said that, unless Friends met it, we did not find sufficient information to see to take any action in the matter.

Rec. Commission for Indian Service Section

The Clerk said that Irene J. Harris had consented to act as Chairman of the Indian Service Section. The Committee approved this appointment, and she was

accordingly appointed to this position.

Emma F. Hoover was also made a member of the General Committee.

Westerly yearly Meeting.

Henry A. Cadbury said that he had attended New England yearly meeting held at Westerly and had presented the work of the American Friends Service Committee on Sunday evening.
There were about one hundred present and they were much interested in the work of the Service Committee, in the conditions of the Germans and in the Conscientious Objectors.

Moved: the meeting adjourned at 4:05.

There will be no more meetings of this New England Branch until Second Month.

Blanche K. Howland Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board
Ninth Month 26th, 1929.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee New England Board met at the Friends Center 144 Bay State Road, Boston on Ninth Month 26th 1929 at 4 P.M.

Minutes:

(1) Present. Stephen Rushmore, Henry H. Pierce, Mary E. Pope, Elizabeth H. Whitney, Charles H. White, William M. Ingham, Lucy Cutchland, Charles B. Nowland.

Reports were received from Anna J. Haines.

Representation of Board to act with Board Fees.

The Board decided that such arrangements for the work of the office as needed to be made in account of the illness of the mother of the Secretary would better be made by the Joint Committee, and William M. Ingham, Vice Chairman of the New England Board of the Service Committee, was appointed as its representative to act with the Joint Committee on any plans adopted by them.

Plans for the New Eng. Board.

A concern was expressed in regard to the finances of the New England Board. The question was raised as to whether the Board is justified in carrying one third of the expense of the Center or whether such expense should be met by subscriptions for the specific purpose than having a proper proportion of the contributions to the Joint Committee to be used in actually carrying out work under the American Friends Service Committee. It was suggested that perhaps at present an undue proportion is being the overhead expense.

There was also a concern in regard to whether the present representation does not provide more membership than is justified by the work [illegible]

done by the New England Branch and whether it might be better to reduce the organization to fit the actual concerns of Friends in the group.

These two concerns were discussed and were to be reported to the general committee on 18 Month 8 th, but it was thought that no recommendations should be made at this time.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:40.

Blanche F. Howland, Secretary

Meeting of the General Committee
Twelfth Month 9th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, Cambridge, Mass. Twelfth Month 9, 1929 at 3 o'clock.

Present (27) Present - Stephen Rowntree, Ward W. Hollowell, J. Pardon Cornell, Sarah H. Allen, Eric C. Carpenter, Harriet S. Darby, Marianna Starke, Anne T. Bartlett, Anna C. Haines, Mary A. Jones, Louis Pierce Butler, J. Paul Tousaint, Wilfred H. Allen, Mary A. Lawrence, Earle M. Phillips, Anna T. Cary, Blanche F. Moorland

Regrets for absence were received from Wilbur K. Thomas, Nathan E. Hall, Rachel Dugdale, Anna Jennings.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting held 6 Month 2, 1929, were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report. A brief report of the business of the New England Board from 6 Month 1, 1929 to date - 9, 1929 was read. The items of this statement are as follows -

General Account.

June 1 - Balance on hand		$ 237.29
Receipts		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phil.	$ 600.00	
Interest - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	7.89	
		607.89 $
Disbursements		
Balance on 5 Trays Stamped Envelopes		- [illegible]
Two Letter Heads		- [illegible]
Neostyle Supplies		- [illegible]
Fliers for Peace Caravans - - - - - - - - -		2.75
Pilgrim Hall for Conference - - - - - - -		30.00
[illegible] Bal. from Conference -		10.24

Part Expense of Delegate to Textile Conference - 5.00.
Friends Center. 1/3 Electricity, June, July,
Aug. & Sept. - 1.00
Part Telephone June July
Aug. & Sept. 22.48
23.48

Friends Center. 1/3 Rent. July, Aug.
Sept, Oct. 200.00
1/3 Sec. Fund July
Aug. Sept. 166.67
366.67

Friends Center. 1/3 Office Supplies 27.00

Balance October 1, 1929 - $ 3036.00

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Lengthy Report

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the four months of June, July, August, September 1929 amounted to $3,036 and checks have been sent to Philadelphia covering the entire amount.

(Signed) Blanche F. Moreland, Treasurer.

Finance. The Chairman of the Finance Committee was not present but it was noted that it be reported that the yearly financial appeal was sent out last Fourth Month to all New England Friends.

Last year 1928 in the four months after the appeal, $1775 was received in the New England Office.
This year 1929 in the four months after the appeal, $2460 was received.

Peace Education. It was reported that the Two Peace Caravans in New England had visited and were traveling through Maine and the New Ships New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

It was thought by those who came in contact with them that they had done excellent work in camp and at all gatherings of various people and the Peace Message coming from such a home type of boys, would have a good influence.
The result in the Spanish-American was perhaps one of the best results.

Foreign Service Section

Iowa Yearly Meeting of the Foreign Service Section, said that the workers had had one meeting this year, when they organized the Program for the year. They felt that they should try to develop more interest in their Program in the Foreign Service work.

Mention was made of letters received from Friends working in Russia, since that time Friends have been the members of the New England Board, Clarence and Barberg and Phillips Bradley in England.

It was decided and then forward it by letter the Committee
1. Richard Nordhoff to open the summer mailing of the Friends Center in Moscow. He is due here soon and will be available after the middle of Eleventh Month.
He would speak continually to Friends' conferences and more from the international standpoint to other Quaker Friends.
The only expense would be his traveling expenses.

It was decided by the Committee that it would be well to have him speak on the work of Friends in the Russian Field, at a Round Table in Twelfth Month, if that week approaches a Round Table Committee.

2.- It was suggested that a bulletin be distributed each month to meetings throughout New England containing extracts from letters received regarding

the meetings of the Foreign Service Section in Boston and Philadelphia and general information about the foreign work. If our bulletin were sent for 10 months of the year, the cost of mimeographing and mailing would be less than $50.

It was thought that this informative report be combined with the regular monthly Bulletins, sent out each month from the Center.

The Foreign Service Section will hold regular monthly meetings on the first Wednesday each month. It was thought well to have the minutes of these meetings sent to all members of the Foreign Service Section.

Social Relations Section.

The Chairman said that there was nothing definite to report; - simply the continued purpose of cooperating with the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty.

Report of Informal Meeting of Boston Peace Societies

A letter was received from Dr. Samuel A. Eliot who started the informal meetings of some of the Peace Societies of Boston, and who has acted as Chairman at these meetings. In the letter he gave a report of the last meeting, held June 21st, at which eight societies were represented.

He called special attention to two suggestions, and asked that the New England Branch of the Service Committee take some official action in regard to them.

1.- It was the unanimous feeling that that informal committee might be a continuing committee, with its membership composed of delegates officially appointed by the Societies. This could be called "The Joint Committee on Co-operative Action". It would have no executive responsibility or authority, but would act solely

Enrol of the constituent societies.

The Service Committee felt that it was desirable to have the Peace Society represented, and it approved of having officially appointed delegates.
Miss Bailey, Chairman of the Peace Section, was appointed as our delegate.

2. - The Informal Meeting suggested that there be a joint campaign by the Societies in support of the proposals of Mr. Elihu Root for the entrance of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice. It may be assumed that President Harding will recommit these proposals with hearty approval in his Message to Congress, but it is certain that there will be vigorous opposition in the Senate.

It was proposed that Symphony Hall be engaged for some Sunday night in November. In this undertaking it was thought that the numbers of Sunday evening speakers would be enlarged, and a large Citizens' Committee might be created.

They asked for an expression of opinion in regard to the advisability of the proposed demonstration and suggestions as regard to the speakers and arrangements.

The matter was referred to the Peace Committee.

Resolutions of Sympathy were passed at the meeting on Japan and also there was a discussion of the proposal of the National Council for the Prevention of War, which has been before us.
It was suggested that if the Officers were authorized to formulate a Resolution, after the Easter recess, it might be worth while to approve such a resolution if found.

A copy of a letter of protest of Miss Sheldon of Sally -

[illegible] A. Hart was read. [illegible] that he had been [illegible] by Mr. Austin H. Fountain, until recently Principal of Hillsboro Academy in Hillsboro, Mass., near Springfield, to take charge of the New England Office in Springfield, about the middle of [illegible]. He inquired whether it might seem best eventually to change the headquarters to Boston, or whether Springfield would prove permanently satisfactory.

Point of Meeting of Executive Board.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met on [illegible] and the following matters were referred to the General Committee for further consideration.

[illegible] the matter of [illegible] in the word of the invite in the [illegible] of the Secretary, it was decided [illegible] the Joint Committee of Cambridge and Boston Meetings, and the Board appointed William M. Duguid, Vice Chairman of the New England Branch of the Service Committee, as its representative to act with the Joint Committee [illegible] by [illegible].

A [illegible] had been expressed in regard to whether [illegible] by New England Friends for the American Friends Service Committee were [illegible] for the overhead expenses of the New England Branch.

It was the sense of the meeting that a statement of [illegible] should be prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee. The difficulties of preparing such a statement in [illegible] the difficulty of estimating just how much of the time of the Secretary and of a stenographer is actually spent in the work of the Committee [illegible]

A concern was also expressed as to possible discrepancy between the actual work done by the New England Branch and the machinery of organization, as it was felt that [illegible] that beneficial.

These two concerns were discussed at length but it was thought that no further discussion should be made until after a conference [illegible] had expressed his hope to meet with the Committee in Eleventh Month.

Time for holding Meetings of General Committee.

[illegible] Committee was concluded. We have found that 3 o'clock in the afternoon is not very satisfactory to many of our members, and perhaps evening would be better time.

[illegible] The New England Branch and [illegible] Time for the meetings.

Plans for Annual N.E. Conference

It was decided that it would be well to hold another [illegible] Committee early to make plans for it.

Elsie P. Ingraham consented to be Chairman of this [illegible]

Parade of Children for Temperance in Mexico

Mary Stokes said that there was an article in the January Friend of 10 Month 3, 1929, stating that President Portes Gil of Mexico [illegible] a national [illegible] parade of children on November 20th for temperance, and asking Friends to send him a letter of encouragement. She asked the Committee to send such a letter to President Gil showing approval of his efforts.

As Friends seemed not to be in unity on the matter, it

was finally decided that it was unwise to send such a letter from the Committee as a whole, but of course any interested individual could write.

Goodwill Pageant. A goodwill Pageant has been written by Mrs. Gilbreth, and her sister Mabel C. Woody, showing the development of British ideals.
The further suggestion - that, securing adequate text and then securing a professional producer, artists active place and occasion for the Pageant - be given, and the necessary financial backing.
The text has been sent to some of the Committee, but due to the shortness of the time it could not reach all.
There is a professional producer who is enthusiastic about carrying it through.
Mrs. Forbush's report be given to the Outlook Secretary to be attached to the minutes of the Disarmament Conference.
The expense would be about $3000.

As many have not seen the text, it was decided that opportunity should be given for more of the members to read it, and further consideration be given the matter at the next meeting.

Whether and the Indians. Saint Catherine told of a letter recently found by some Mission Girls that had been sent to their grandmother by John Bowlegs, chiefly urging attendance at the Council of the Chiefs at the government. No text is known yet to be anything about it, but it makes the Indian officers seem to be in the hands of Friends.
This is especially interesting now, when the President has just appointed the Friends, Charles J. Rhoads and J. Henry Scattergood, commissioners on Indian Affairs.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary

Meeting of the General Committee
Eleventh Month 13th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Eleventh Month 13th, 1929 at 5 o'clock.

Present (29) Stephen Rushmore, Clarence E. Pickett, Leslie Frazier, Chester C. Smith, Harvey C. Perry, Lydia S. Perry, William M. Duguid, Mary E. Duguid, Marianna Taylor, Arthur M. Huxley, Clara E. Birdsall Wood, Bailey, Mabel C. Moody, Anna Wharton Wood, Sarah W. Haltwell, Elsie P. Ingraham, Philip R. Bailey, Mercy Bailey, Alvah C. Goddard, Maud M. Hill, Louise Merritt Parker, Earle M. Winslow, Anne Fenning, S. Paul Townsend, Laura M. Cabley, Mary A. Gove, Henry H. Perry, Mary S. Townsend, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for absence were received from Sarah W. Oliver, C. Hale Sutherland, Fredrika M. Parke, Isobel V. Duguid.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting, held 10 Month 9th, 1929, were approved as circulated, except for the following change.

In the minute on "Report of Meeting of Executive Board" in order to make the third paragraph clear the words "of the New England Branch" were added. This paragraph then reads as follows —

"A concern had been expressed in regard to whether or not an undue proportion of the amounts contributed by New England Friends for the American Friends Service Committee was used for the overhead expenses of the New England Branch."

Treasurer's Report. A brief statement of the finances of the New England Branch from 10 Month 1st to 11 Month 1st, 1929 was read.
The items of this statement are as follows -

General Account.

Oct. 1 - Balance in hand - - - - - - -		$356.07
Receipts		
Amer. Friends Service Com, Phil -	$150.00	
Interest - - - - - - - - - - - - -	.66	
	150.66	
		$506.73

Disbursements.

Balance on 500 Large Stamped Env. - -		10.00
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent Nov.	50.00	
1/3 Sec. Oct.	41.66	
		91.66
Friends Center. Part Tel. 10-10.	3.25	
1/3 Elec. 10-15 -	.25	
		3.50
		105.16
Balance November 1, 1929 - - - -		401.57

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account.
The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of October 1929 amounted to $1,051.50 and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treas.

Peace Section. Moses Bailey, Chairman of the Peace Section, said that he had called a meeting of his committee, but no one but the chairman was present

Foreign Service Section.

Anna Haines, Chairman of the Foreign Service Section, sent a report stating that there was a meeting of the Section on 11 Month 5th 1929 at the home of the Chairman, with 7 present.

A letter was read from the Philadelphia Speakers Bureau stating that Richard Wood was available for Saturday and Sunday, 12th Month 7th & 8th. Hale Sutherland Chairman of the Round Table Committee had approved the date of 12 Month 8th as a satisfactory time for Richard Wood to address the Round Table. The Committee in charge of the Adult Bible Class was notified of Richard Wood's expected visit and of his willingness to speak to other groups in addition to the Round Table, if it were desirable. Louise Merritt Baker offered to arrange for Richard Wood's entertainment.

The question of the circulation of a foreign news letter among the New England Friends Meetings was again laid before the meeting at the suggestion of the Secretary of the Service Committee, who felt that the letter would receive more appropriate attention if it were mailed separately from the regular Bulletin issued from the Friends Center in Boston.

It was decided to write to the clerks of all the New England meetings asking their opinions of the usefulness of such a news letter in interesting Friends in the Foreign Service work, and to postpone action until answers were received from these inquiries. The Chairman was authorized to prepare such a letter of inquiry to be submitted for approval of the General Committee.

Announcement was made of an International Dinner arranged under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A.

for 11 Month 12th, to which Friends interested in promoting international good-will in Boston had been invited.

The tentative draft of the letter of inquiry to be signed by the Chairman of the General Committee to be sent to the Clerks of all New England Meetings was read, and was approved by the General Committee, with one or two minor changes.

Militarism in Education

Attention was called to the Bangs case at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Owing to new development in the case we are doing nothing about it now, but later it is hoped something can be done to change the policy of the Institute, making it possible for a student to be excused from military training.

Time for Holding Meetings of General Committee

A questionnaire was sent to 41 members of the General Committee and to 21 members of the Sectional Committees. Answers were received from 29 members of General Committee and from 10 members of the Sectional Committees. Of those who expressed a preference, 24 wanted the meetings in the afternoon and 9 wanted them in the evening.

The 2nd week of the month was satisfactory to nearly all the members.

The time suitable for most of the members is Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. At this time, 17 members of the General Committee and 6 members of the Sectional Committees can attend.

The next best time is Tuesday afternoon, when 19 can attend. On Wednesday afternoon only 18 can attend.

It was decided that the time for holding the meetings

New time for Holding Meetings.

of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee should be changed to the 2nd Friday each month at 4 o'clock. This will go into effect in Twelfth Month when the meeting will be on Friday afternoon, 12 Month 13th, at 4 o'clock.

Goodwill Pageant.

The details of the Goodwill Pageant, written by Jennie Callister and her sister, Mabel C. Hardy, were laid before the Committee last month with the suggestion that the Committee consider the desirability of presenting it to the public under the auspices of the New England Branch of the Service Committee. It was felt then that no decision could be made until the members had had an opportunity to read it. Circulation of the Pageant was started but was stopped when Mrs. Hardy requested that it be returned for further revision.

At the meeting in Eleventh Month Mabel Hardy gave a short description of the Pageant which showed the devastating effects of war and the benefits resulting from good will.
The suggestion had been made that it might be given in Symphony Hall, Boston during the time of the Massachusetts Tercentenary. The cost would be about $2000.

It was decided that the Chairman should appoint a committee to consider the matter and bring forward recommendations regarding it.

Future Plans for N.E. Branch.

Two matters were considered at the last meeting in regard to future plans for the New England Branch.

1.- The question of the advisability of expenses for carrying on the work at the Friends Center in Boston.

The Secretary made an estimate of the work

done at the Center during the last year, and this estimate shows that approximately one-third of the work was for the New England Branch of the Service Committee, so the present arrangement of having one-third of the expenses of the Center paid by the New England Branch was considered fair.

2- The possibility of there being too much machinery for the amount of work accomplished by the New England Branch.

The committee meetings once a month are to spread information and stimulate interest. Most of the business is transacted by the smaller group the Executive Board. There are four sections of the work - Peace, Interracial, Foreign Service and Social Relations. In general, Friends have concerns and then carry them out, but experience has shown that there are not many Friends really concerned to carry out projects that may be suggested.
In the Peace work, it is difficult to see what can be done by the Branch Section that would be different from what the Peace Committee of the Yearly Meeting are doing. The Foreign Service Section deals with work in the foreign centers, but little can be done here. The function of the Section in New England will necessarily be restricted chiefly to disseminating information and stimulating interest thereby. Friends stand for doing things, and unless we can do things we are missing something of value. In the Social Relations Section, a letter was sent to the members in regard to the Mooney and Billings case, but there was no [illegible]

interest in the matter that there were very few replies. It is a question whether the Section represents real concerns of Friends in New England, and there seems to be a difference of opinion among Friends as to whether the New England Branch is fulfilling its functions in the best possible way.

The matter was left for further consideration.

Clarence E. Pickett. It was a great pleasure to have Clarence E. Pickett, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee at the meeting, and he was asked to speak about the work in Philadelphia.

He expressed his interest in the New England Branch. He felt, in these busy days, that it needed such devotion to hold people to the work of the Service Committee, and he had been impressed with the devotion shown by the business people in Philadelphia.

Foreign Service Section. In the Foreign Service Section he said the situation in Russia is now to the fore. Three months ago, the Government issued a proclamation prohibiting the functioning of religious groups. The Greek Church was allowed to go on as it was considered harmless. Friends could hold their meetings, as such meetings (they said) were not instructive. There have been serious persecutions of some of the pacifist sects and groups of Doukhobors, Mennonites and others have been convicted and sent to Siberia. This is a serious problem for Friends, as they don't want to [illegible] against the Government and lose their foothold in the country. Rufus Jones is looking into the matter. The Russian Government already has three Friends there as nurses and they are

asking for two more to start a baby clinic to teach the Russian girls. $2000 is needed for equipment, and in this [illegible] English and American Friends will cooperate.

Gilbert Mac Master will leave Bo[illegible] [illegible] May. There have been others from four or five countries to take up the work there. The Russian people [illegible] its position seriously, and if you ask a Friend there, [illegible] about 1000, most of them able people. There is no meeting-house and no institution. They publish [illegible] literature.

[illegible] take the leadership.

[illegible] Center and the Hostel, as the Pickards will leave in June or July.

[illegible] temporarily in charge, but they need somebody there.

[illegible] Bowles is giving up the work in Japan, and [illegible] the Japanese Friends [illegible] the Japanese [illegible] the Friends [illegible] in China was a bigger problem than they could [illegible].

Harry Trueblood and his wife are gone to Shanghai to work for some years with the Russian school.

[illegible] the Conference [illegible] where 300 students and

ministers met to consider the problem of War and Christianity.
At the Conference of Religious Editors at Buck Hill Falls there were 50 editors present representing the Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Christadelphians, Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons, Christians and Disciples. Next spring there will be a conference at Chicago where there are seventeen theological seminaries. It is hoped that the Religious committee in Indiana will take the leadership in this.

The Lawrence will continue next summer, but there will be a few changes. It is felt that there should be more training on the workers before they start out, and there will be a week's training session before the workers and any others may go. Last summer the Y.M.C.A. for place came in their camps and next year they have asked for three or four. They want the girls stay several days at a camp, for they felt it was far harder this year. There was a very interesting team this year composed of a negro, Richards with and a Hindu who visited thirty Negro Summer Schools for teachers.

Next summer there will be another type of peace work as the Methodists, Congregationalists and Baptists want 12 or so of our girls among teachers to attend their Young People's Institutes and conduct classes in international relations and the church's attitude concerning the use of force. This would be educational work.

The result of the Youth Peace Contest is quite surprising. There have been 600 contents. Clement Biddle gives $1000 for medals. That has been entirely checked, and now another interested person, not a Friend, has given $1000 more. The contests have been mostly

in public schools although a few Catholic schools also have had contests.

Lucy Marsh in Charlotte has her international news letter printed in 465 newspapers, and also has a bulletin which she sends out to teachers of history. This is a great service but it costs money.

Home Service Section. The Home Service Section is most actively interested in the conditions of the strikers in Marion, North Carolina. A month ago, James Myers, Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches went there to investigate the situation among the textile workers of Marion. He found 200 families in destitute conditions and felt that the American Friends Service Committee was the only organization to handle the situation. The Federal Council and the Service Committee are sending out a joint appeal for funds but all funds received must be recommended by the Service Committee, and it also selects the workers. Lawrence Lippincott and Dr. Frank Malone have gone there as our representatives. There are two social workers needed.

Intercultural Section. In answer to our inquiry about the Intercultural work Laurence Jackett said that they were still much interested in the work, but were now approaching it in a different way. They felt that for some reason the old ways were not the best way, so it presumes that there was a split between the white and the negro race. Now they are working with the Negroes. Leslie Pinckney Hill appealed to the Service Committee because there had never been any peace work done by the Negroes. They are not naturally warlike but they feel that all their progress has been made through wars, and so war seems a good thing to them. They won emancipation through the Civil War, and better social position through the World War.

He asked the Service Committee to start an Intercultural

Peace Committee $2000 we put into the project with the thought that later the Negroes can handle it alone.

Miss Dunbar Roxborough in charge of this work and one of the staff at the Philadelphia office. There also was there a Negro stenographer in the office.

Relief for Russian Family.

Annie Fleming read a letter that had been sent her husband by the mother of a family he knew in the Russian Camp at Salonika. The family are well educated and poor. They had one child and the nine year old boy has malaria and needs to go to Serbia for his health. The father gets only $40 a month. The mother has trouble with her teeth and there is fear that she may have cancer of the stomach. She should go to Serbia and needs $300. Mr. Fleming feels that the Russian Club here may raise $50 and the matter is taken to be presented to the League of Neighbors.

It was thought that those who are interested could send any contributions to Mr. Adolph Fleming, 882 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Mass.

Petition to Pres. Harding.

A printed petition to President Harding was being circulated, and several copies were on the table. It states that representatives of the United States and 53 other governments had adhered to the General Pact renouncing war and agreeing that the settlement of all disputes should never be sought except by pacific means, we call upon the government to give concrete reality to this treaty and as a first step to uphold the largest possible measure of naval reduction at the conference in January.

It was hoped that as many as could should sign the petitions.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:10.

Blanche G. Rowland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Twelfth Month 13th, 1929.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Centre, 120 Boylston Street, Boston, Twelfth Month, 13th 1929 at 4 o'clock.

Present. (24) Alpheus Buchanan, Lincoln H. La Roche, William H. Hussey, Louise Merritt Parker, Emma G. Haines, Isabel T. Dugan, Hope Perry, Sarah W. Haltwell, Anna Wharton Ford, Henry W. Perry, Maria Field, Paul Townsend, George F. Taylor, C. Hale Sutherland, Philip R. Bailey, Marcia S. Foote, G. Minot Foote, Elsie P. Ingraham, Mabel C. Moody, Lizzie M. Winston, Mary E. Jewett, William M. Sugden, Mary A. Townsend, Blanche R. Howland.

Regrets for Absence were received from L. Palmer Thomas, Clara E. Birdsall, Marianna Taylor, Maud M. Hill.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting, held 11 Month 13th, 1929, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. A brief statement of the finances of the New England Branch from 11 Month 1st to 12 Month 1st, 1929, was read. The items of this statement are as follows -

General Account.

No. 1 - Balance on hand		$401.57
Receipts		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila	150.00	
		$551.57
Disbursements		
Neostyle Supplies		8.25
Friends Centre. 1/3 Rent Dec.	$50.00	
1/3 Sec. Nov.	41.66	
		91.66

Friends Center. Part Sal. 11-10-'30 - 4.95
1/3 Elec. 11-15-'30 - .31

5.26

105.17

Balance December 1, 1929 - - - $ 446.40

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account.

The Contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of November 1929 amounted to $26.00 and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche P. Haviland, Treasurer.

Peace Section

It was reported that Milton P. Thomas, Chairman of the Peace and Service Committee of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England had called a meeting of his committee for 12 Month 17th at the Friends Center, Boston, and had asked the members of the Peace Committee of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends (Hicksite) and the members of the Repel Section of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee to meet with them, to discuss the type of peace work that might be done in New England and how the various Friends' Peace Committees could cooperate in the work.

It was thought that such united effort would stimulate interest and make the work more effective.

Foreign Service Section

Emma J. Haines, Chairman of the Foreign Service Section, reported that the regular meeting was held on 12 Month 4th, with 16 present.
The final arrangement had been made for Richard Wood's visit on 12 Month 8th, when he spoke at the Grand Falls

that the various European centers be last visited. He also spoke before the Orthodox Yearly School.

The Section had sent out 25 letters to representative people in the Friends' Meetings in New England, asking if they would be interested to receive, during the year, four news-letters, telling of the foreign work that is being done by the American Friends Service Committee.
Ten replies have been received, all favorable except one.
It was decided by the Section to send out four news-letters, and they would try to get out the first one before Christmas.

New England Friends Conference. Elsie P. Ingraham, Chairman of the Conference Committee, reported that a start had been made in the plans for the New England Friends Conference, but as yet there was nothing definite to report.

The Chairman of the General Committee said that last year it might be called an introverted conference, dealing with the problems of the Society of Friends and its future. This year it might be well to consider social relations, - the way society should deal with the criminal, the industrial problem, etc.
He said the committee would be very glad to receive any suggestions about speakers or topics.

Fordwill Pageant. The small committee appointed to consider the Fordwill Pageant written by Mrs. Jennie Callister and Mabel C. Moody consisted of Stephen Rushmore, William M. Duguid, Blanche G. Howland, Harvey C. Perry, Elsie P. Ingraham, Emma J. Hunter, Moses Brown, C. Hale Sutherland and Eleanor Mod Whitman.
A copy of the Pageant had been sent to the members of the small committee and another copy had been circulated among the members of the General Committee.
There has been response from only one of the small committee, so no action could be taken until next meeting, when there will probably be a report.

Report of Service Com. Mtg in Phila.

C. Hale Sutherland was present at the last meeting of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia on 12 Month 6th, 1929, and gave the following report.

The principal work of the Home Service Section has been the relief work in Marion, North Carolina, where 150 families, representing over 800 persons, are suffering from the textile strike. They have no private means of support so the mills are running with other workers, and the strikers are left out. The situation is difficult on account of the attitude of the people in the town, who don't know the strikers, who are of old American stock from the mountains region.

The Foreign Service Section is interested now in the Haitian situation. Paul Douglas has been suggested by the American Friends Service Committee for appointment to the commission to investigate the situation there. Funds will be provided for Gilbert and Mennie Bowles to return to this country from Japan by way of Siberia and Europe.

The Peace Section is most interested in the case of Rosika Schwimmer and other pacifists, who refuse to take the oath of allegiance to defense of this country.
Attention was called to the case of Miguel Vallejo, Indiana, who has just been refused citizenship in the same ground. The [illegible] of Cuba, [illegible] both and the daughter and wife of Manuel Menendez, who lived with naturalized about 2 years ago without the issue being raised.

Hedding Case at Technology.

Hale Sutherland was asked to tell about the Bang case at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He said that Matthew Bang was not a [illegible] student and had been notified that unless he completed the [illegible] Military Training, he would not be allowed to graduate.

considered whether he will leave and have his money refunded or stay as a Special Student. Before, he did not offer to substitute other work for the Military training, but now he has. The case is really altered.

The Chairman said that the Committee of three would report later. This committee was appointed to write to the Trustees of Technology in going there to provide education along peace lines, since the government had renounced war.

George K. Taylor from Amherst Meeting. We were very glad to have present at our meeting George K. Taylor, member of Boston Monthly Meeting and Professor at Amherst College. He was asked to tell a little about the Amherst Meeting.

It is a small group in the western part of the State and changes its membership often. It is composed of some of the faculty and students at Amherst College, Smith College and Mt. Holyoke.
Sometimes they have people from Massachusetts Agricultural College and from Springfield and Greenfield. Meetings are held about once a month in various places and there are about twenty attend.
It is an interesting group with varied opinions.
They feel that education in Friends' principles is very different because they are all so busy but they hope to be in a position to come to their meetings to inform them. About half the people who attend are Friends.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary

Meeting of the General Committee
First Month 10th, 1930.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 139 Boylston Street, Boston, First Month 10th, 1930.

Present (21) Present. Stephen Rackstraw, Anna Wharton Wood, Sarah W. Walmsley, E. Dale Sutherland, Isabel T. Ingraham, William M. Ingraham, Mary A. Cox, Eleanor Stone Whitman, Louise Merritt Parker, Maria W. Hill, Harvey S. Perry, Marianna Taylor, Abner C. Goddard, Arthur M. Hussey, Ruth E. Birdsall, Dale M. Webster, Laura M. Oakley, Winifred Lathrop, J. Paul Townsend, Mary S. Townsend, Blanche F. Overland.

Regret for absence were received from Emily G. Balch, Charles W. White, Charles A. Johnson, J. Pelham Thomas, Florence E. Pickett, Hester C. Smith, Hattie E. Jacob, Anna G. Prince, Rose Hall, Walter C. Forte.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting held 12 Month 13th, 1929 were approved as recorded with the following correction:—

In the minute on "Report of Service Committee in Philadelphia" there was an error in stating that Paul Douglas had been appointed, instead of the commission to investigate the conditions in Haiti.

The minute as corrected would read — "The Foreign Service Section is interested in the Haitian situation. Paul Douglas has been suggested by the American Friends Service Committee for appointment to the commission to investigate the condition there".

Treasurer's Report. A brief statement of the finances of the New England Branch from 12 Month 1st 1929 to 1 Month 1st 1930 was read. The items of this statement are as follows:—

General Account.

Dec. 1, 1928 - Balance on hand - - - - - - $446.40

Receipts

Amer. Friends Ser. Com., Phila - -	$150.00
Cruiser Bill Com. (For Telegrams) - -	5.38
Sale of Books ("Peace Crusaders") - -	1.50
Interest - - - - - - - - - - - -	1.86
	$158.74
	$605.14

Disbursements

Western Union Telegraph Co. (Cruiser Bill Com)	5.38
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent Center Jan - 50.00	
1/3 Secretary Dec. - 41.66	
	91.66
Friends Center. Part Telephone 12/10. 4.19	
1/3 Electricity 12/15 - .37	
	4.56
	101.60
Balance January 1, 1930 - - - - -	$503.54

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Branch Account.

The contributions towards the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of January 1929 amounted to $306.00 and a check in the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche G. Hartland, Treasurer.

Peace Work in Eng. Alvano C. Goddard of New Bedford has done much speaking for the cause of Peace. He said that the Community School of Religious Education in that city now has a course in Peace and Goodwill, and he is trying to get the International Council of Religious Education to offer an optional course in Peace.

Maud M. Hill reported that she was present at the

meeting of the Peace and Service Committee of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, which was called by Walter K. Thomas to meet in Boston on 12 Month 17th, 1929. To this meeting had been invited the Peace Committee of New England Yearly Meeting (Westerly) and the members of the Peace Section of the New England Branch of the American Friends Service Committee.

It was thought that D. Ward Applegate, a Friend from Indiana, might be able to spend a few weeks in New England giving Peace Talks in the different Meetings. It was also hoped that Ex-Ambassador Alanson B. Houghton might give lectures on Peace in some of the larger cities. It was suggested that the Young People's Group in Lynn might present a Peace Play in various places. The idea of Peace readings was favored.

Foreign Service Section — The Foreign Service Section has prepared the first copy of "News Letter from Abroad," which will be sent to all the Meetings in New England. They will also be sent to the members of the New England Service Committee and to Florence E. Pickett.

Social Relations Section — Dale Sutherland, Chairman of the Social Relations Section, reported that letters had been sent to all Friends Meetings in Massachusetts, urging them to work for the Abolition of the Death Penalty. He felt that we should all use the matter on our minds, and approach our local representatives.

Information about the names of Representatives and Senators and also the members of the Judiciary Committee may be obtained at the Friends Center.

New England Friends Conference — It was reported that letters had been sent out, asking for suggestions for the New England Friends Conference. Answers were not yet to be received

by the 16th, when there will be a meeting of the Conference Committee to consider the whole matter.

Goodwill Pageant

The Chairman of the sub-committee appointed to consider the matter of the Goodwill Pageant, reported that the committee had not been able to meet, but a letter had been sent to all the members with a copy of the Pageant, requesting answers to three questions -

"1- Does they think the production of this Pageant is something the Committee should undertake?

2.- If they approve of carrying it through, does they think that the New England Branch should take the whole responsibility of producing the Pageant, including underwriting, securing of professional producer, business manager etc?

3.- If they think the Committee should not take the whole responsibility does they think it should sponsor the Pageant, letting some one else take the responsibility for the actual production and for underwriting the expense?"

The replies expressed views varying from complete approval to complete disapproval, and there was not unity.

On general, the more favorable replies were from those more remote from Boston. Those who are here and might have more responsibility tended to look upon it less favorably.

The matter was then laid before the General Committee for discussion. Here also there was a lack of unity. Although many were much interested in the Pageant and all hoped for the success in the cause of Peace, it was finally decided that the Committee should not

formally sponsor it, as that would imply taking a responsibility that the Committee felt it could not assume.

Changes in Membership of N.E. Branch

A letter had been received from Charles H. White, in which he said that he would be unable to attend any of the meetings of the New England Branch on Friday afternoons, and he felt that he should resign and let somebody more active take his place.

It was regretted that he could not attend the meetings, but, under the circumstances, it was felt that his resignation should be accepted. It was thought that perhaps he could suggest somebody from Providence to take his place.

Jesse F. Taylor of Amherst and a member of Elkins Monthly Meeting, was made a member of the New England Branch of the Service Committee, and the Secretary was instructed to notify him.

Prohibition

Maud M. Hill spoke of the struggle in the state to avoid the repeal of the Volstead Act.

Strike at Marion, No. Car.

Clarence E. Pickett had asked that something be said at the meeting about the Strike at Marion, North Carolina. The Service Committee is now feeding there about 1000 people, and they need all the financial support that Friends can give them.

Hale Sutherland said he wished that every member of the Committee could be supplied with the copy of "Information Service" published by the Federal Council of Churches, which gives the details of the southern textile situation.

The Secretary was instructed to see that the [illegible]

The Chairman of the General Committee said that he wished all would bring to the Service Committee their concerns. The Service Committee might not always be able to dispose of them, but he hoped Friends would present them.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:20

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Second Month 14th, 1930.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston on Second Month 14th, 1930 at 4 P.M.

Present (18) Stephen Rushmore, Sarah W. Haltwell, Nina Field, Clara E. Birdsall, Mary E. Dugan, Blanche Winston, Earle M. Winston, Anna Wharton Wood, Elanor Wood Whitman, Isabel V. Dugan, Mary S. Townsend, Elsie P. Ingraham, S. Paul Townsend, Julia Fraser, Maud W. Hill, Mabel G. Bailey, Jorge K. Taylor, Anna J. Haines.

Regrets for absence were received from Mary A. Gove, B. Galston Thomas, C. Hale Sutherland.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting, held 1 Month 10th, 1930, were discussed and approved.

Treasurer's Report A brief statement of the finances of the New England Branch from 1 Month 1st to 2 Month 1st, 1930 was read. The items of this statement are as follows -

General Account

Jan. 1, 1930. Balance on hand - - - - $503.54

Receipts

Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila.	$150.00	
Interest - - - - - - - - - -	.88	
	150.88	
		$654.42

Disbursements

Advance Payment on Stamped Env.

2000 Small Envelopes - -	4.32
500 Large Envelopes - -	1.44

Philadelphia Office for Sale of
1 Copy "Peace Crusade" - - - - - 1.50
1/2 Expense Richard Wood for Round Table - 15.00
315 Sheets Blue Paper for News Letter
Sent out by Foreign Service Section - 1.58
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent Feb. - - 50.00
1/3 Sec. Jan. - 41.66
91.66
Friends Center. Part Tel. 1/10 - - 3.37
1/3 Electricity 1/15 - .45
3.82
119.32
Balance February 1, 1930 - - $ 535.10

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of January 1930 amounted to $49.00 and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche R. Howland, Treas.

Finance Committee — The Finance Committee reported on an agreement with the Philadelphia office of the American Friends Service Committee whereby appeals for contributions to Friends in New England already on the Philadelphia list, should continue to be made directly from that office, but in these cases duplicate appeals from the New England Board office should not be sent.

Peace Section — Plans have been made for A. Ward Applegate, an Indiana Friend, to speak to Boston Friends regarding the Peace situation, on 3 Month 6th. He will be in various parts of New England from 2 Month 25th to 3 Month 15th

The recent legislative hearing on military training was attended by several Friends. A letter is being circulated by Kay Newton, Secretary of the Peace Section of Philadelphia, recommending that Friends write to President Hoover expressing approval of all efforts for the reduction of naval construction.

A concern was expressed that encouragement be given to the American members of the Naval Commission in London, in order that they might feel the support of many Americans interested in their efforts for naval reduction. The following radiogram was prepared to be sent to Mr. Henry Stimson, Secretary of State -

"The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch urges you to make all possible reductions in armaments. We will support your efforts in every way possible."

(Signed) Stephen Rushmore, Chairman.

Requests had come to the Philadelphia office from leaders of several denominational summer conferences, asking that Friends send representatives to take part in their international goodwill courses. The traveling and living expenses of such representatives will be paid by the denominational group requesting their presence, and a small honorarium will be paid by the Friends Service Committee. If the members of the New England Branch know of any suitable candidates for such service, Kay Newton would be glad to receive their names.

Interracial Section — The Interracial Section has had no meetings but its members have been interested in a young colored man whose musical gifts need opportunity and development. Any one in a position to help in the matter is referred to Alexia Field.

Foreign Service Section. The Foreign Service Section has had one meeting and proposes to issue another Foreign News Bulletin.

Social Relations Section. The Social Relations Section reported the attendance of some of its members at the legislative hearing on Capital Punishment. The general attendance was smaller than last year and practically the same people spoke. An outstanding feature was the appearance of the Commissioner of Penal Institutions speaking against Capital Punishment.

New England Friends Conference. The Committee on the New England Friends Conference reported that Augustus T. Murray had been suggested to give the principal address of the Conference. Further arrangements, including the date, waited upon his acceptance of this invitation.

Luncheon Meeting for Clarence E. Pickett. A Luncheon Meeting for Clarence E. Pickett had been held on 2 Month 12th, at which time he had described certain critical situations in the Friends Service work. He had said that the relief activities now being carried on in Marion, North Carolina, would cease in Third Month, but there is still much need for reconciliation of the bitterly opposed social forces there. One of the mills is owned by a Bostonian who is trying to work out better relations between employers and employees. Clothing sent to the Boston Friends Service Office will be forwarded to Marion until the relief workers withdraw, after which time it will go to Daniel Drive.

In India, Harry Timbres has found great need for medical assistance. Rabindranath Tagore, with whom our Friends are planning cooperation, is willing to come to America again to seek funds for a hospital, if Friends will help him

people who might be interested.

From Russia come reports of increased tenacity because of the quickened governmental policy toward collective methods in agriculture. Friends, however, still have the opportunity for individual service there.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:15.

Anna J. Haines

Secretary for the day.

Meeting of the General Committee
Third Month 14th, 1930.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston St., Boston on Third Month 14th, 1930 at 4 P.M.

Present. (16) Present - Stephen Rushmore, Anna Wharton Wood, Sarah W. Haltwell, Marianna Jaytee, Alice Rushmore, Isabel V. Duguid, Blanche Winston, Earle M. Winston, Anna J. Harrison, Sarah W. Olivier, Elsie P. Ingraham, Maude M. Hill, William M. Duguid, C. Hale Sutherland, Nina Field, Blanche R. Howland

Regrets for Absence were received from Clara E. Birdsall, Philip R. Bailey, L. Valentine Thomas, Henry H. Perry, George R. Taylor.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting, held 2 Month 14, 1930, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. A brief statement of the finances of the New England Branch from 2 Month 1st to 3 Month 1st, 1930 was read. The items of this statement are as follows -

General Account.

Feb. 1 - Balance in hand - - - - - - - $535.10

Receipts

Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila	150.00	
Interest - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1.21	
	151.21	
		$686.31

Disbursements

Balance paid on Stamped Env.

2000 Small Envelopes	40.00
500 Large Envelopes	10.00

44 Copies December "Information Service" - - - - 4.40
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent March - - 50.00
1/3 Sec. Fet. - - - 41.66

91.66

146.06

Balance March 1, 1930 - - - - - $ 540.25

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Stamper Account.

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of February 1930 amounted to $96.00 and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland, Treasurer.

Peace Section: There was no report from the Peace Section. It was reported that A. Ward Applegate was making his trip through New England, speaking on Peace in the different meetings, under the auspices of the Peace and Service Committee of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. He gave a very interesting talk at the Phillips Brooks House, Cambridge on 2 Month 13th.

Foreign Service Section: Anna Haines reported that there had been no meeting of the Foreign Service Section. They hope soon to get out their second News Letter.

New England Friends Conference: Elsie Ingraham, Chairman of the New England Friends Conference Committee, reported that plans were under way for the Conference, which would take place on Saturday and Sunday, Fifth Month 3rd & 4th. The tentative program is as follows -
On Saturday morning, Hilda H. Thomas will speak -

the spiritual background of all Friends' work, and Harold E. B. Speight will speak on the educational situation.
Saturday afternoon there will be talks on the economic and political aspects of the industrial situation. It has not been decided definitely about the speakers.
In the evening, Dr. A. Warren Stearns, a well-known penologist and the Commissioner of Corrections in Massachusetts, will speak about Prisons.
On Sunday morning there will be the regular meeting for worship in Andover Hall Cambridge. At 4 P.M. the Young Friends will have charge of the meeting and expect to have Elizabeth Mardel as the speaker. She is the President of the Young Friends of the Five Years Meeting and has been working recently at the office of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia on Military Training.
Sunday evening, Augustus T. Murray will speak on "The Christian Attitude Toward the Law."

Report of the Meeting of A.F.S.C. in Phila.

Stephen Bushrode was present at the last meeting of the American Friends Service Committee in Philadelphia on 2 Mo. 27th, and gave the following report —

There were many in attendance at the meeting and many topics were discussed.
Our Center seems very remote from the work compared to Philadelphia, where most of the work is focussed.

Berlin. It was announced that Richard L. and Mary G. Carey of Baltimore are to be our representatives in Germany.
Richard Carey is on the editorial staff of the Baltimore Sun, and is eager to take this opportunity to get to Germany. He [illegible]

to write extensively about Germany in American magazines, so that it will be properly interpreted.

Beirut, Palestine. There was presented a plan to establish a Hostel in Beirut, Palestine. The Service Committee did not see that it had enough information to reach any decision, but would wait until Daniel Oliver reached this country.

Geneva. Bertram and Irene Pickard were expecting to leave Geneva but there was so much protest from Friends and non-Friends that they have changed their plans and will probably be there two or three years more.

Paris. No one has yet been found to take charge of the Paris Center.

India. Charles F. Andrews was present at the meeting and spoke of the work in India. Sagoe expects to come to America next fall. He hopes to meet Friends and be under the auspices of Friends. A special committee in Philadelphia will have charge of the matter.

Harry and Rebecca Timbres will work at the Sagoe School. Dr. Timbres visited India and saw something of the situation there, and is now in Switzerland studying tropical diseases, in preparation for his service in India. Sagoe is delighted at the way Harry Timbres has approached the work and is pleased satisfied with the outlook.

Gandhi has begun his pilgrimage to the sea where he will go into salt making. He

has told the Viceroy of Great Britain that if they want to show their good-will toward India, they will remove the salt tax and protect the people from opium and alcohol. If they will take these steps, Gandhi will make every effort to cooperate with the Government. Mr. Andrews hoped the Committee would be interested and might express their sympathy and hope for an amicable settlement.

The Service Committee felt that they might write to English Friends expressing the sympathy of American Friends with what was being attempted in the way of working out an amicable solution of the difficulties in England and we readiness to assist if they felt we could do anything.

The Service Committee workers are about to withdraw from the work among the textile strikers in Marion, North Carolina. They have had a conference with the workers and withdraw with a perfect understanding.

Rufus Jones spoke of the London Naval Conference. At a group meeting recently held in New York, it was decided that the best method of approach was through President Hoover.

In the evening there was a special meeting for Rufus Jones. He feels a deep concern that a group of Friends be freed who could travel among the meetings in the United States, in order to revivify the life of the Society. He has a real vision for the Society and feels that the world needs what Friends can give them.

Much sympathy was expressed with this concern and a desire to cooperate with Rufus Jones in the matter

No decision was reached, but it was hoped such a group of concerned Friends could be found. It is desired that somehow there should be concerned Friends to carry out the plan, - that the call would come to those fitted to answer.

Henry Hodgkin said that we were so used to hurry that we didn't take time enough to live with great ideas, so that they could soak us and become part of our lives.

Social Service Section

Hale Sutherland said that the only activity of the Social Service Section had been capital punishment and that was in abeyance just now.

He felt that we should take a definite stand on industrial questions, such as the strike at Marion, North Carolina, and suggested that time might be given at a Service Committee meeting to discuss the subject, or there might be study appropriate educational courses. If we knew more about it, we would do something.

It was decided that time should be given for a discussion of this matter at the next meeting of the New England Board in Fourth Month, and it should be mentioned in the notice sent out for the next meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:10.

Blanche H. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the General Committee
Fourth Month 11th, 1930.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 120 Boylston Street, Boston on Fourth Month 11th, 1930 at 4 P.M.

Present. (13) Present: [illegible] Mary A. [illegible], [illegible] H. [illegible], Marianna Taylor, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], Henry H. Perry, Blanche H. Haviland.

Regrets for Absence were received from [illegible] H. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] M. [illegible].

The minutes of the last meeting, held 3 Month 11th, 1930, were approved as corrected.

[illegible] of a statement of the expenses of the New England Branch from 3 Month 1st, 1930 to 4 Month 1st, 1930 was read.

The items of this statement are as follows:-

Financial Account

Mar. 1 - Balance on hand - - - - - - -		$540.25
Receipts		
Amer. Friends Service Com., Inc.	$ 100.00	
Interest	1.09	
	101.09	
		$ 641.34
Disbursements		
Manville Burchfiel & Mayer for sending out of "Interpreter's Service"		1.84
Manville Burchfiel & Mayer for sending out each Penalty Pamphlet		2.12
Postmaster & Stamps for sending		[illegible]

Friends Center. Rent Telephone 2-10 $ 4.50
2 Electricity 2-10 .50
5.00

Friends Center. Rent Telephone 2-10 4.50
1/3 Electricity 3-10 .25
4.75

Friends Center. 1/3 Rent March -- 50.00
1/3 Secretary March 41.66
91.66

106.53

Balance Feb. 21, 1930 --- $ 595.31

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Sample Report.

The Executive Committee of the Improvement Finance Committee during the month of March 1930 recommended $ 1,250 to be used that for the same have been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Charles F. Moreland, Treasurer.

Finance Committee

There was no report from the Finance Committee.

It has been suggested that sometime year it might be well to take the interest of our New England Friends Conference from the Treasury of the New England Council and not collect contributions for this purpose. This matter will be considered before the Board for further consideration. Since year the offerings could be counted on the same basis as in previous years, but a letter has been sent out giving opportunity for those who wished to contribute.

Peace Committee

There was no report from the Peace Committee.

Jos. L. Wyatt's contribution was sent to Mr. Henry

Stimson, Secretary of State, urging him to make all possible representations to Washington.

The following letter was received in reply

March 6, 1930.

Mr. Stephen Bushmore
Boston, Mass.
Sir -

On behalf of the Chief of the American Delegation, I acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date concerning the negotiations now in progress at the London Naval Conference.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) F. L. Belin,
Secretary of the American Delegation

Internat. Relations Section

The Foreign Relations Section has had its meeting this month and is about ready to send out the second News Letter of the Meetings of New England.

Inter Rep. Friends Influence

We are informed that plans for the Fourth annual conference for New England Friends were being completed. It is to be held on Saturday, Sept. Month 20th & 21st at Phillips Brooks House, Harvard University, Cambridge.

The general subject will be "The Individual, Society and the Law."

On Saturday morning, Nathan H. Spencer will speak on "The Liberal Background for Service" and Harold E. Forgett on "Education and Character".

The speakers for Saturday afternoon have not been definitely decided yet.

Saturday evening, Dr. J. Warren Greene, Commissioner of Insanity for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, will

deliver an address on "The Causes and Cure of Crime."

On Sunday morning, after the Meeting for Worship, in Lodge Hall, Henry C. Vance will present a sketch of the life and work of Elizabeth Fry.

In the afternoon, Elizabeth Morel will speak on "Friends and Neighbors Training" and on the evening, Benjamin F. Murray will speak on "The Christian Attitude Toward the Law."

National Peace Work Conference

The National Social Work Conference will be held in Boston on Eighth Month 29, 30, 31. The Federal Council have asked that we send a representative to be present at a Friend Table Luncheon on Tuesday, 8 Month 30th at 12 M. at Hotel Lenox.

We have also had a request from Clarence Pickett that we have a delegate attend all mass meetings in Lincoln and send a report to Phil. of Delegate.

It was hoped that Friends could be found to attend some of these meetings.

London Naval Conference

A letter was received from the Philadelphia Office of the American Friends Service Committee, asking that a minute immediately be telegraphed to President Harding.

Upon receipt of the letter, prior from the London Naval Conference, it was decided that no action in the premises was necessary.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

It has been customary at the annual election of officers of the New England Board on Eighth Month, and the time has come to appoint a committee to nominate such officers.

It was the desire of the meeting that the Chairman and Secretary should appoint a Nominating Committee to prepare at the next meeting the names of officers for next year.

Social Relations Section

The Social Relations Section reported that they were working with the Massachusetts Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, and were sending out a letter to their Friends for they are because of knowing of Friends who might be helping the work. The letter also suggested some ways that can be done now in the face of this of public sentiment.

Issues of Labor Situation

Thomas Ward Mulvaney expressed the need that it might be desirable for the New England Branch to have an Executive Secretary, who would keep in touch with the activities of other organizations and who would make our work more effective. She felt there could be little progress without such a leader.

It was felt that we could not pay the salary of such a worker just now.

Friends and the Social Order.

Mrs Chatfield spoke of the serious situation at Marion, North Carolina, due to the strike. She was fully described in the December 28, 1929 issue of "Information Service," copies of which were sent to all members of the New England Branch.

As Marion very low wages were paid, the working conditions were bad, and the employees went on strike. The mill earnings in 1928 were enormous, which would indicate that the employees were willing to make good profits at the expense of the workers. The people of the community stood on the side of the management, as they knew nothing of the conditions. The churches were prejudiced.

Is what we test are we aware of the distinction between the Friends' philosophy of life and that of the mass of our citizens? Do we realize the antithesis between the two and the importance that our lives and attitudes as members of the industrial community constitute a true expression of Friends' point of view? We see a small group of about 300, but we should give this matter study and should endeavor to express our Friends' philosophy, at a critical juncture. We live in a world where a growing body of public opinion condemns the industrial order on ethical grounds. We take the office of peace in our mouths and still we go, often, not to see the iniquities of the present. We are often considered hypocrites because of our failure to condemn the practices and standards of today. Is it adequate? No: the difficulty is that men have an interest and all then conduct is unfortunately.

We do not know the facts nor the principles at issue. We is a long time in a matter of education. If we could use prize for a brief time for discussion every meeting is urged to the first step. Or we might play for a course in the Bible School, studying such books as Tawney's "Rise of Capitalism" and Ward's "Dynamic Sociology."

The matter was discussed.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Blanche Forsland Clement

Meeting of the General Committee
Fifth Month 9th, 1930.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center 144 Boylston Street, Boston on Fifth Month 9th, 1930.

Present. (13) Present: Stephen Duchemin, Elsie P. Chandler, Anna M. Hallowell, C. Paul Townsend, Hannah B. Roberts, M. Melvin Bailey, Philip J. Bailey, Lydia M. Newton, Emile Sutherland, Grace Merritt Parker, Anna Fels, Isabel V. Lugard, Blanche B. Hoyland.

Regrets for absence were received from Henry T. Terry, Thomas Bailey, Leslie Troyer, Alexander C. Purdy, Grace Hopkins Nord, Mary L. Fox, Anna J. Spencer.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting, held 4 Month 1st, 1930, were approved as circulated.

Treasurer's Report. A brief statement of the business of the New England Branch from 4 Month 1st to 5 Month 1st, 1930 was read. The items of this statement are as follows -

General Account.

April 1 - Balance on hand ---- $585.31.

Receipts

American Friends Service Com. Appt.	$150.00	
Interest ----------	1.10	
Contributions for New England Friends Conference -	286.50	
	437.60	
		$1022.91

Disbursements

Rental Paper. ----------	4.04
Expense Luncheon to Clarence Pickett ---	7.00

Friends Center. 1/3 Rent May 50.00
1/3 Secretary April 41.66

91.66

Friends Center. Tax Telephone 4-10 - 6.11
1/3 Electricity 4-15 - .25

6.36

Friends Center. 1/3 Stenographer
Half Time 5 weeks 16.66
1/3 Rental Type-
writer 1 Month - 1.00

17.66

Balance May 1, 1930 - - $ 1236.52
896.19

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account.

The contributions toward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of April 1930 amounted to $116.00 and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche G. Howland, Treasurer.

Peace Section. The Secretary said that there would be a Gold Medal Peace Contest in the Lynn Meeting House on Sunday, 5 Month 18th at 3 o'clock.
The American Friends Service Committee has been much interested in arranging through Peace Contests for children between 9 & 15. Two other medals (one from Boston, two from Fall River and two from Worcester) will compete for the Gold Medal.
It is hoped that as many Friends as possible will attend.

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Caravans for work this summer. It will send out as many teams as can be financed. The Committee of 21, they will be an Institute of International Relations at Hartford College under the auspices of the Service Committee and Hartford College. This is for the Caravan workers and also for others interested in the cause of peace. They hope that many meetings will be interested to send young people out full of life and work for Peace in their own communities.

Interesting sketches

Miss Cragholm said that she felt it was an interesting fact that one of the speakers at the Interrogation Hour that the Sections gave at the Center last year, Bernice Grandison, a young colored woman had passed the bar and was now a teacher in Hampton, because she intended to decide that she was not joined the Meeting in Spring.

Robert Hill's brother, William Allen Hill, a Negro, is now in Boston. He shows great musical ability but is struggling against difficulties getting his education on account of lack of funds. Careful investigation has been made to see whether his talent warranted the necessary outlay of money. A letter from his teacher, Wallace S. Whitney, Esq. Director said that William Allen Hill's voice, talent and personality fully justify the expense, time and interest necessary for the training of a finished singer and possibly of an artist.
He is now living out in the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Pratt Whitman in Lexington, but for other expenses such as car fares, laundry etc, he needs $25 a month.

The committee were much interested in this young Negro and hoped the way would open for him to continue his musical education. Those who are interested to help can place in their hands for this object.

Foreign Service Section

The Chairman of the Foreign Service Section said that the second Nine Letter from Abroad was ready and would be sent out within a few days.

The Chinese student who was at Harvard Theological School and who attended our Meeting has been judged insane and was sent to Westborough Hospital. He wrote to the Secretary asking for assistance in the matter you probably read. There seemed to be no question about his insanity and a recent letter from the Social Worker at the Hospital said that he had been deported to his own country.

Social Relations Section

The Chairman of the Social Relations Section, E. Helen Cleveland said that a letter had been sent to Friends Groups of Friends Esperanto to arouse interest in the Abolition of the Death Penalty and to get the local groups to work.
As the Massachusetts Council wants to ascertain what support the Cause of Abolition would receive from Religious Bodies the Friends another letter was sent to 69 Friends and Friend Societies, with return postals, asking for their views. Only 34 have been received which is not very satisfactory. All were in favor of Abolition. Three Meetings signed for the work and several stated that they were already members of the Massachusetts Council.

New England Friends Conference

The New England Conference Committee reported that the Conference had three or fifty Monthly Meetings represented, it was felt to be an unusually good conference, but the attendance on Saturday was poor.
The contributions for the conference showed interest and the expenses were covered before the Conference began.

The Chairman asked for comments, favorable and unfavorable, about the Conference and the matter was discussed

Meeting of the F.F.S.C. — The meeting of the American Friends Service Committee in Eighth Month will be held in Richmond, Indiana. At this time they will hold a four day conference, discussing the following topics — "Spreading the Quaker Message among Friends", forming out of "Inner Light" concerns for a wider Compass fellowship, "The Place of Social Service in the Programme of Christ and of Friends" and "The Relation of the Work of the A.F.S.C. to the Work of the Ministry Board of the Five Years Meeting."

It was hoped that several New England Friends might attend the meeting in Richmond.

Resignation. — A letter was read from C. Hale Sutherland stating that he must resign from the New England Board of the Service Committee and as Chairman of the Social Relations Section, as he had accepted an appointment to the faculty of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. He expressed appreciation of the many pleasant associations he had had through the Committee.

His resignation was accepted with great regret and sincere appreciation of what he has done for our work.

Report of Nominating Committee — The following letter was received from the Nominating Committee, which was appointed to bring forward names for officers for the year beginning Eighth Month 31, 1930.

American Friends Service Committee
Dear Friends —

The Nominating Committee submits the following report for officers for the ensuing year —

Vice Chairman — William M. Dugan
Secretary-Treasurer — Blanche W. Haviland
Auditor — Harvey S. Perry

Executive Board. -

Stephen Gualtieri
Mildred M. Sugrue
Mary A. Post
Henry H. Perry
Alice F. Sugrahan
Louis J. Hanne
Harry C. Perry
Wade Bailey
C. Hale Sutherland
Marcia J. Foote
Blanche F. Howland.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) J. Paul Sherwood
Alice F. Sugrahan
Mary A. Post

No Chairman was mentioned in the Committee was unable to present any name.

The Committee approved the list of officers and members of the Executive Board submitted.
The matter of building a Chairman was referred to the Executive Board, who will bring in a report at the meeting in Oct. the 1st Month.

Appreciation of Retiring Chairman. Great appreciation was expressed for the able and efficient service of the retiring Chairman, Stephen Gualtieri, who fully that he can not continue the work any longer.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:05

Blanche F. Howland, Secretary.

Meeting of the Executive Board.
Fifth Month 16th, 1930.

The Executive Board of the American Friends Service Committee, New England Board met at the Friends Center, 12 Beacon Street, Boston on Fifth Month 16th, 1930 at 4:30 P.M.

Present (4) Present: Stephen Burhmore, William M. Duguid, Anna L. Hazard, Blanche R. Howland.

Nomination of Chairman. The matter of finding a Chairman for the New England Board has been referred to the Executive Board. This was fully discussed, but no conclusion was reached.

Suggestion of 8 Meetings. It was suggested that the New England Board should hold eight meetings a year, - on 1st Month, 4th month and 10th month; - with Clarence Pickett at one meeting and a Conference on 4th month.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:20.

Blanche R. Howland, Secretary

Meeting of the General Committee
Sixth Month 13th, 1930.

The American Friends Service Committee, New England Branch met at the Friends Center, 140 Boylston St., Boston on Sixth Month 13th, 1930.

Present (12) Present - William M. Dugan, Stephen Hodgkins, L. Julia Emmons, Louise Merritt Parker, Marianna Sayles, Clara E. Birdsall, Anna Thaxter Wood, Anna J. Haines, Julia Branson, Henry H. Perry, Mabel M. Hill, Blanche H. Howland

Regrets for absence were received from Sarah W. Haskell, Eleanor Wood Whitman, Leslie Fraser, Elsie F. Angsbam, Mary E. Dugan, C. Hale Sutherland.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting, held 5 Month 9th, 1930, were approved, with the following correction -

In the minute on the resignation of C. Hale Sutherland from the Service Committee, it stated that he had been appointed to the faculty of Lehigh University, Lehigh, Pa. This should have read, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

Treasurer's Report A brief statement of the finances of the New England Branch from 5 Month 1st to 6 Month 1st, 1930 was read.
The items of this statement are as follows -

General Account

May 1 - Balance on hand - - - -	$896.19
Receipts	
Amer. Friends Service Com., Phila	$150.00
Interest for April & May - - —	2.53

Contribution for Expense of W. A. Hill 50.00
Contributions for N. E. Conference - 30.00
Franklin Savings Bank. Part of
Conference Fund 33.43

265.96 $ 1162.15

Disbursements

Neostyle Supplies - - - - - - - - - - 1.15
Friends Center. 1/3 Rent June 50.00
1/3 Secretary May 41.66
91.66
Friends Center. Part Tel. 5/10 - - 6.93
1/8 Electricity 5/15 - .25
7.18
Part Expenses N. E. Friends Conference 310.55

410.54
Balance June 1, 1930 - - - - - - $ 751.61

The details of this statement are on file at the office and may be seen at any time.

Transfer Account

The contributions forward the work of the American Friends Service Committee during the month of May amounted to $246.00, and a check for the same has been sent to Philadelphia.

(Signed) Blanche R. Howland, Treasurer.

The following yearly statement of the New England Board, from 6 Month 1st, 1929 to 6 Month 1st, 1930, was read.

General Account.

June 1, 1929 - Balance on hand - - - $ 237.29
Receipts during the year - - - - 2224.53
$ 2461.82

Disbursements during the year - - - - - - 1710.21
Balance June 1, 1930 - - - - - $ 751.61

Transfer Account.

June 1, 1929 Balance on hand - - $ 626.50
Contributions received during year - 3161.50
$ 3788.00

Sent to Philadelphia Office during year - - 3542.00
Balance June 1, 1930 - - - - $ 246.00

(Signed) Blanche H. Howland Treasurer.

Peace Section — It was reported that the Gold Medal Contest was held in the Pilsbee Street Meeting House, Lynn on 5 Month 18th. Two Silver Medal winners from Boston, two from Fall River and two from Amesbury competed, and the Gold Medal was won by James Lockwood of Fall River, fourteen years old.
It is hoped that a New England Diamond Medal Contest can be arranged in the fall.
There have been 70 contests put on throughout the United States.

There will be a Peace Caravan sent to New England this summer. According to the report from the Service Committee, there will be only ten teams sent out this year, as they are also sending out eight mature leaders of international relations who will lecture at the young people's summer conferences of Methodist & Presbyterian churches.

Interracial Section — It was reported that money had come in toward the expenses of William Allen Hill, a Negro. He is living with the Whittiers in Quincy, but this contribution is to help with his other expenses. He has succeeded in arranging for his vocal lessons, and it may be necessary soon for him to move

in Boston.

There has been some difficulty in finding hospitality for the Negro delegates who will attend the Social Work Conference 6 Month 8-14th. We were consulted about this, and several Friends' homes were offered. These were not used however, as the delegates were finally placed in the homes of Negroes in Boston. A few went to hotels. It was gratifying to know that many homes of white people in Boston were open to them.

Foreign Service Section — Emma Hawes said that there had been a Russian doctor speak at the Social Work Conference who had much to say about Friends' work in Russia. He spoke too of the possibility of having a Friends' training school for nurses there.

It was reported that a Russian minister from the Russian Church in Chelsea had visited the Center asking for our interest and help. They are having a difficult time to carry on their work on account of the influence of the Socialists.
Emma Hawes will try to visit the church soon, and there may be some further report soon.

Social Relations Section — As Hale Sutherland has resigned from the chairmanship of the Social Relations Section, it was thought that somebody should be appointed to take his place.

This matter was left with the Vice-Chairman.

Report of Executive Board Mtg. — William Dugan reported that the Executive Board had met on 5 Month 16th, but no definite conclusion was reached in regard to the appointment of a chairman of the New England Branch of the Service Committee. The matter was

left until the fall.

Rep. to the A.F.S.C. Conf. at Richmond

The matter of sending a representative to the A.F.S.C. Conference at Richmond, Indiana, le Mmtt 18th & 19th was discussed, but no one was found who could attend.

Report of Social Wrk Conf. in Boston

Clara E. Bideall had attended many meetings of the Social Work Conference held in Boston le Mmtt 8-14th, and gave the following report —

There were 500 or more organizations represented. About 400 meetings were held, with some 500 speakers.

There were all kinds of people present, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants, Negroes and Whites.
One could see all ages, from the old worker over 80 to young people just out of school.

The speakers were Jane Addams, Dr. Richard Cabot, Hubert Herring, Hastings Hart, Dean Roscoe Pound, Judge Cabot, A. J. Muste, Bishop McConnell, Paul Douglas, George W. Wickersham and many others.

The program covered many subjects under the following divisions —

1.- Children
2.- Delinquents and Corrections
3.- Health
4.- The Family
5.- Industrial and Economic Problems
6.- Neighborhood and Community Life
7.- Mental Hygiene
8.- Organization of Social Forces
9.- Public Officials and administration

10.- The Immigrant
11.- Professional Standards and Education
12 - Educational Publicity

There were about 5000 delegates from all over the United States.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:10.

Blanche R. Howland, Secretary

There will be no more meetings of the New England Branch of the Service Committee until fall.

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